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# PWF THE 500

**J**UST WHAT ARE the criteria for the "PWI 500" rankings? It's a fair question, one that is often posed by our readers, the wrestlers we rank (and don't rank), and even the editors themselves!

Aside from the logistical problem of assembling the information (kudos to Managing Editor Brandi Maniewicz and Editorial Assistant Pushpak Naik), the most difficult aspect of compiling the "500" is deciding which deserves the most consideration: a wrestler's standing at the time the "500" is being compiled, or a wrestler's accomplishments for the entire year. Essentially, both are given consideration, with a bit more emphasis being placed on his current status.

In an effort to clarify the selection process even further, we'd like to repeat some of the points we made in this space last year.

- By ranking a wrestler in a position above another wrestler, we are not saying that the higher-ranked wrestler is necessarily better or that he (or she) would beat the lower-ranked wrestler. Among the points taken into account are the wrestler's pound-for-pound abilities and how active he was for the year.
- Wrestlers are not ranked based on their pure athletic skills. Success in wrestling is measured by wins and losses, and if a wrestler can brawl his way to victory, that's fully acceptable.
- The "500" is not a men-only club. But it takes a special woman having a special year to get in. This year we have one, the PWF's Madd Maxxine (367). In six years, we've had three, with Maxxine, the only female ranked twice.
- Injuries do not necessarily disqualify wrestlers from the list. If a wrestler competed for a good portion of the year, he may have accomplished enough to qualify. Wrestlers who have spent most of the year on the disabled list can most likely be found in "Farewell To The 500" with a DL designation.
- The time period for this year's "500" is August 1995 through August 1996.

Special thanks go out to Koichi Yoshizawa, our correspondent in Japan, for helping us a great deal in our efforts to compile bios for the many Japanese wrestlers ranked this year. Yoshizawa also supplied most of the photos of Japanese wrestlers we used.

As always, we welcome your feedback on the "500." You can write to us at the address for "Between Falls" that you see on page four, or you can reach us at the *PWI* America Online site in the Wrestling Rap section of Grandstand's Squared Circle area. Here's how:

(1) From AOL's main menu, click on Sports. (2) From the Sports menu, click on The Grandstand. In the Grandstand menu, scroll down to and click on the Squared Circle (wrestling and boxing) listing. (4) From the Squared Circle menu, click on the Grandstand Wrestling Area listing. (5) In the Grandstand Wrestling Area menu, click on Wrestling Rap Messages. (6) In Wrestling Rap, click on the icon that says either "browse folders" (if you're a PC user) or "list topics" (if you have a Mac). (7) In the list of topics you see, scroll down until you find a listing for *PWI* Online.

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*[Editor's note: The numbers in parentheses following each name represent the wrestler's height, weight, years of pro experience, and rating in the 1995 "PWI 500." An "NL" means the wrestler was not listed a year ago. A complete list of wrestlers ranked in 1995 but not 1996, as well as an alphabetical cross-reference to the "PWI 500," follow this listing.]*

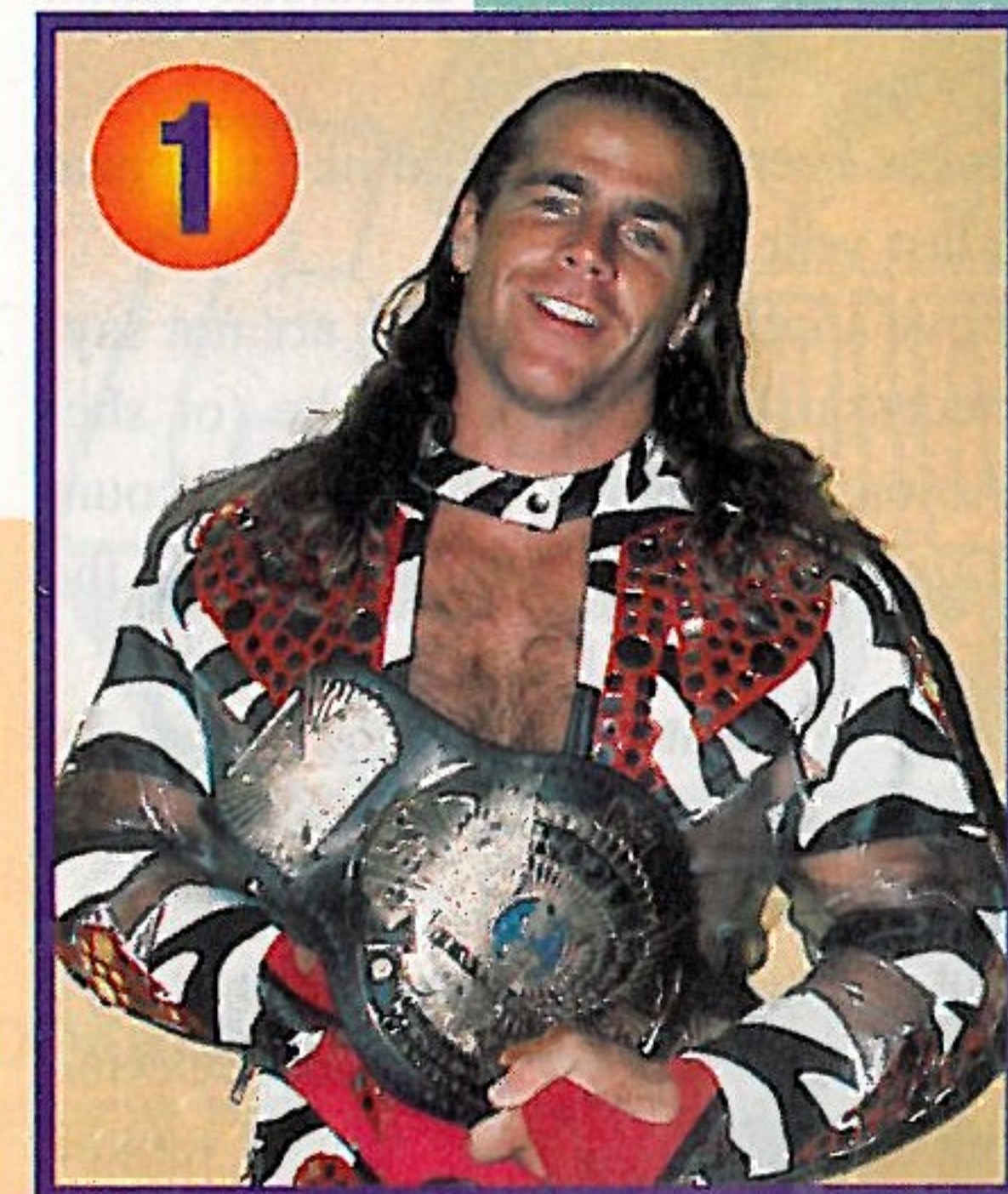


# SHAWN MICHAELS

(6', 234, 13, 2)

## TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF YEAR:

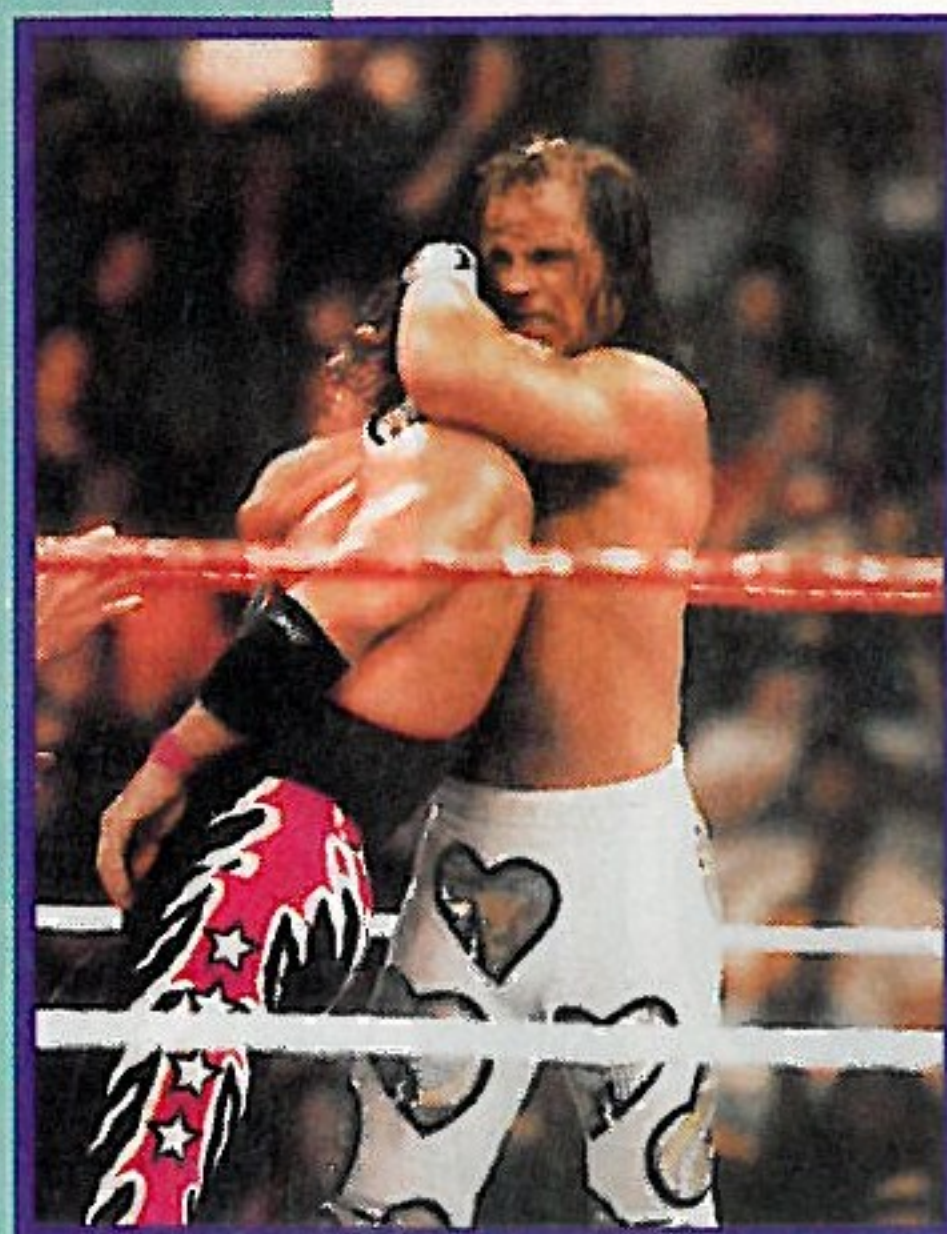
1. Realized his lifelong dream by winning the WWF World title with a victory over Bret Hart at WrestleMania XII. 2. Won the Royal Rumble for the second consecutive year. 3. Defeated former best buddy Diesel in a grueling



no-holds-barred match at In Your House VII. 4. Defeated Davey

Boy Smith at King of the Ring. 5. Signed Jose Lothario, the man who trained him, as his full-time manager.

**HE SAID IT:** "I can't tell you what an honor it is to be ranked as the best wrestler in the world. I was patient in my quest to win the WWF title, and that patience paid off. This has been a dream year. This year, I proved the skeptics wrong. They said that Shawn Michaels could never be the top dog in the WWF. They said I couldn't win the big one. Well 'The Heartbreak Kid' has been on top of the WWF mountain since WrestleMania XII, and no one has pushed me off yet. In 1997, I will continue to prove to the world that I am for real. I am just as much substance as I am style. I have beaten technical wrestlers and brawlers. Just set them up and I'll knock them down."



Shawn uses a sleeper on Bret

**PATH TO THE TOP 10:** 37th in 1991; 16th in 1992; 3rd in 1993; 5th in 1994; 2nd in 1995

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** Can Shawn Michaels' title reign be as impressive as those of someone like Bret Hart? That's one of the questions being asked by fans and journalists. So far, he has electrified the WWF with

impressive victories over Kevin "Diesel" Nash, "British Bulldog" Davey Boy Smith, Owen Hart, Goldust, and Big Van Vader. His penchant for taking on bigger brawlers could be his undoing. Perhaps it's time for Michaels to use his head a little more than his heart. There's no arguing with his success, but he has worked too hard to get to this point just to have his dream end quickly and violently. However, if he remains WWF champ and continues to accept the challenges from the all the federation's best, he will be hard to knock out of the top spot.

## TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF YEAR:

1. Pinned Ric Flair for the WCW World title on April 22, thereby becoming the first rookie ever to win a world title. 2. Defeated Lex Luger at The Great American Bash. 3. Defeated Sting at Slamboree. 4. Teamed with Kevin Sullivan to defeat Chris Benoit and Arn Anderson at Bash at the Beach, thereby depriving the Horsemen of a shot at his World title one night later. 5. Pinned Benoit in less than 15 seconds at Clash of the Champions XXXIII.

**HE SAID IT:** "Is there any doubt that I am the most dominant wrestler in the world today? WCW World champ my very first year. Names like Hogan, Flair, and all the others who held the World title will soon be a distant memory, because if and when I decide I want the belt back, I won't give it up until the day I retire. I have proven that I am the future of



The Giant bearhugs Sting

# THE GIANT

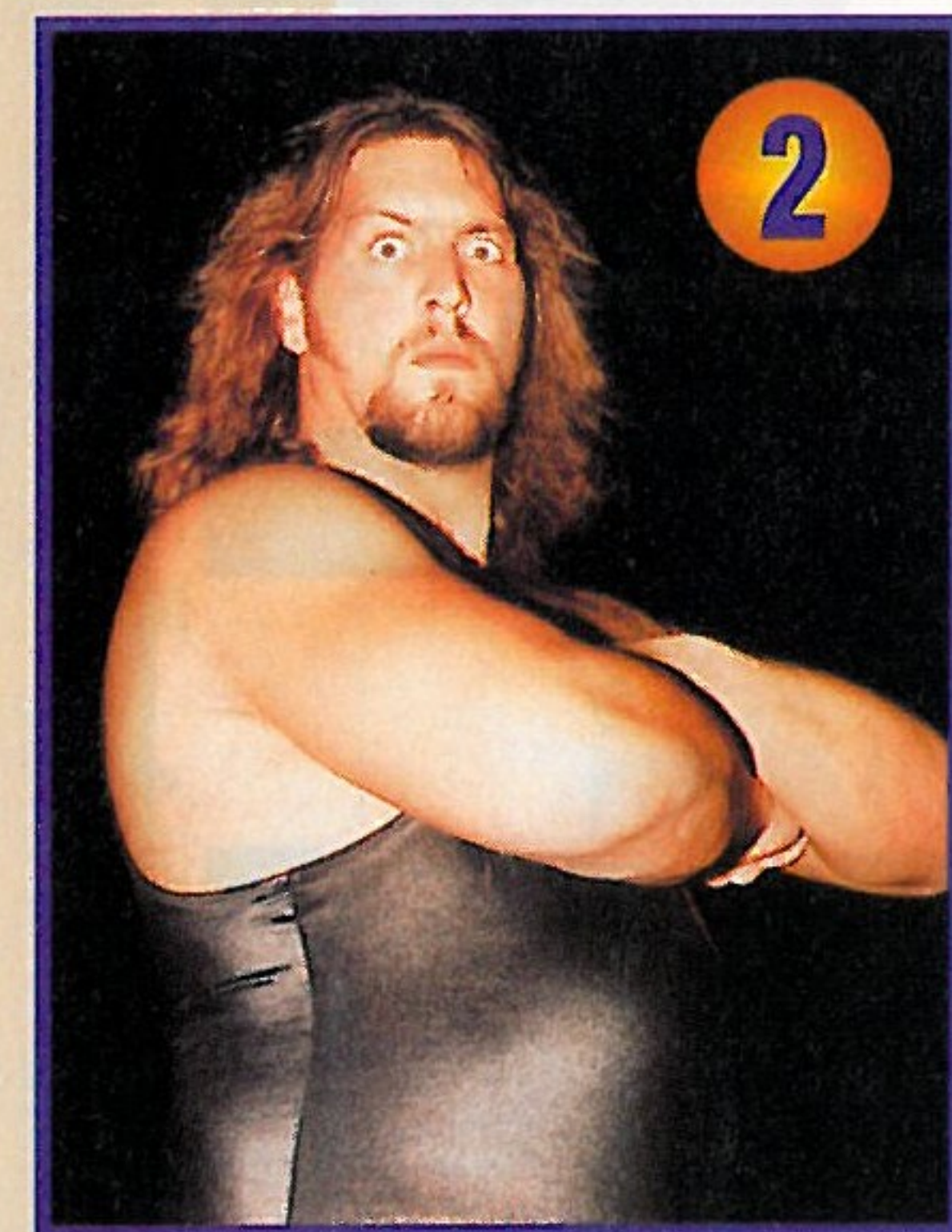
(7'4", 430, 1, NR)

wrestling. Hogan needed help from his goons to beat me, but belts don't concern me much, and neither does this ranking. It won't make my choke-slam any more devastating. I'm still the biggest and baddest man alive, and I'll continue to destroy anyone who gets in my way."

**PATH TO THE TOP 10:** First year in wrestling

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** Many have said that The Giant has peaked too soon and is susceptible to a sophomore slump. The big man's dedication to becoming a better wrestler is what should carry him past his loss of the World title to Hogan. Frequent trips

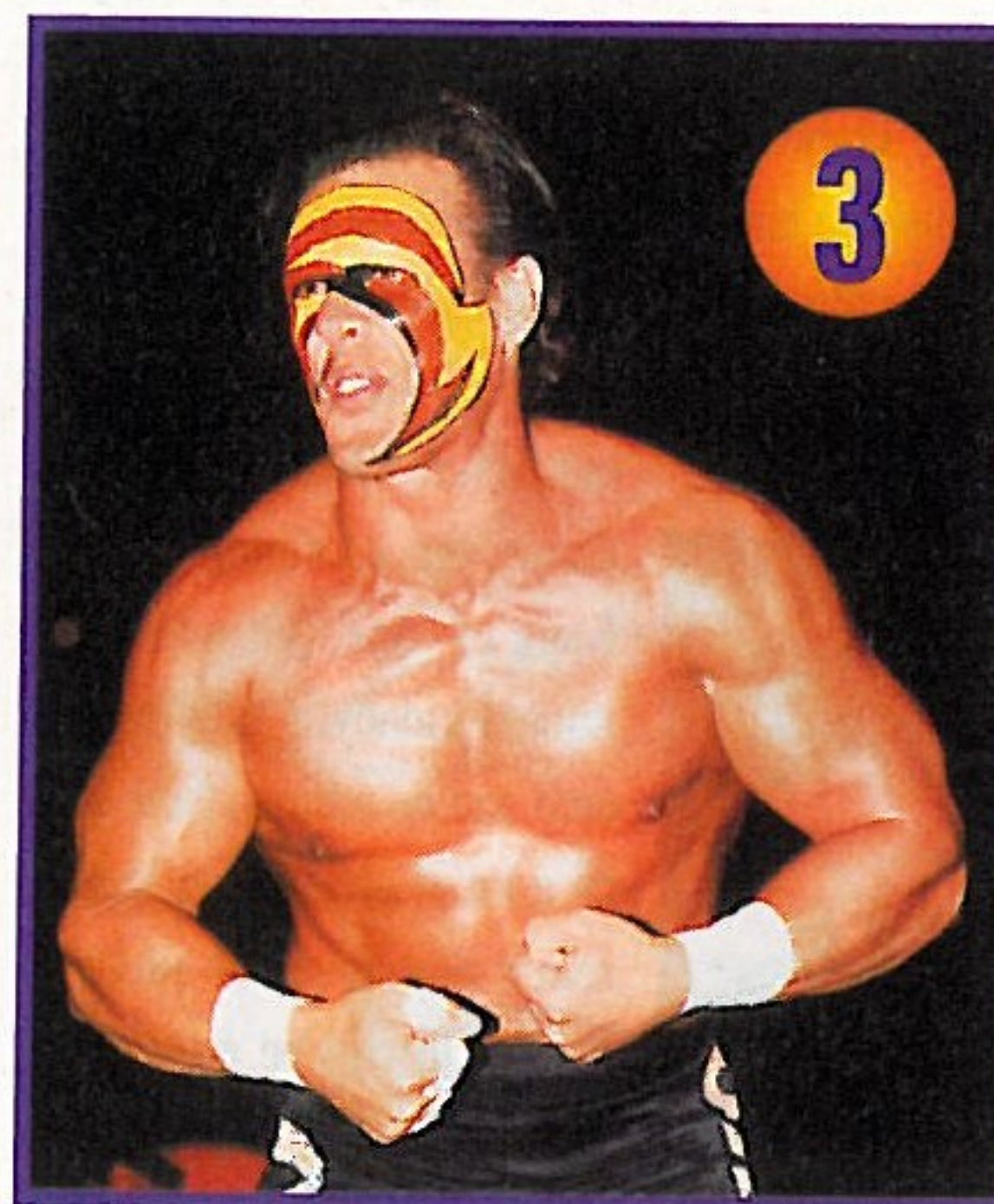
to Japan will only improve his repertoire beyond his choke-slam. Barring career-ending injury, The Giant will remain a legitimate force many



years into the next century. He has done in one year what most wrestlers will never achieve in their lifetime. For years, the search was on for the next megastar to carry wrestling beyond the year 2000. The Giant should be that man. Look for him to be ranked number one in this survey several times before he is through. When the Giant was made, he choke-slammed the mold. He is a 7'4" measuring stick.

# STING

(6'2", 260, 10, 3)

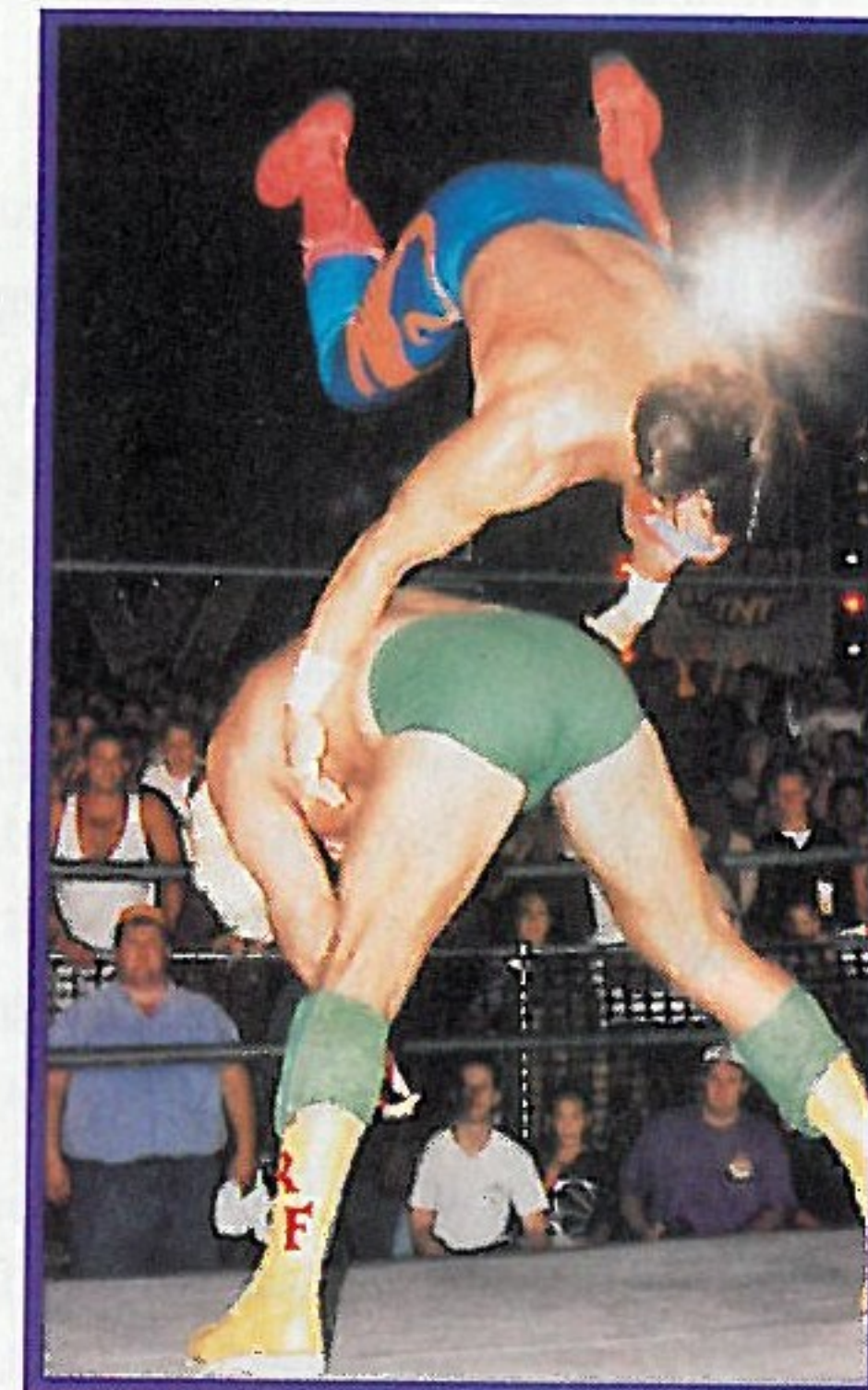


## TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF YEAR:

1. Teamed with Lex Luger to defeat Harlem Heat for the WCW World tag team title on January 22. 2. Successfully defended the tag team title against The Road Warriors several times. 3. Teamed with Luger to defeat Rick and

Scott Steiner several times. 4. Was first to stand up to and challenge Scott Hall, the initial "Outsider" to invade WCW. 5. Teamed with Lex Luger and Randy Savage against The Outsiders at Bash at the Beach and did well against them until Hulk Hogan arrived.

**HE SAID IT:** "I'll take number three over number 501 any day of the week. Even though I spent most of the year in tag team matches with Lex, I've always tried to maintain my singles career. There have been distractions, including all the questions about Lex's loyalty, but I always knew in my heart of hearts that he was on my side. That friendship and my relationship with WCW has been solidified by the invasion of the NWO. Hall, Nash and, yes, 'Hollywood' Hulk Hogan can stick it when it comes to bringing down WCW. I will make it my personal goal to take



Sting sunset-flips Flair

'96. He is a former WCW World, U.S., and TV champ, and right now, he is most worried about the invasion of the NWO. He hopes he can eventually get back to the business of contending for singles titles. If and when he does, he has a good chance of reaching number one again ... not that he needs to do that to prove what a great wrestler he has been for the last decade.

# KENTA KOBASHI

(6'2", 261, 8, 64)

## TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF YEAR:

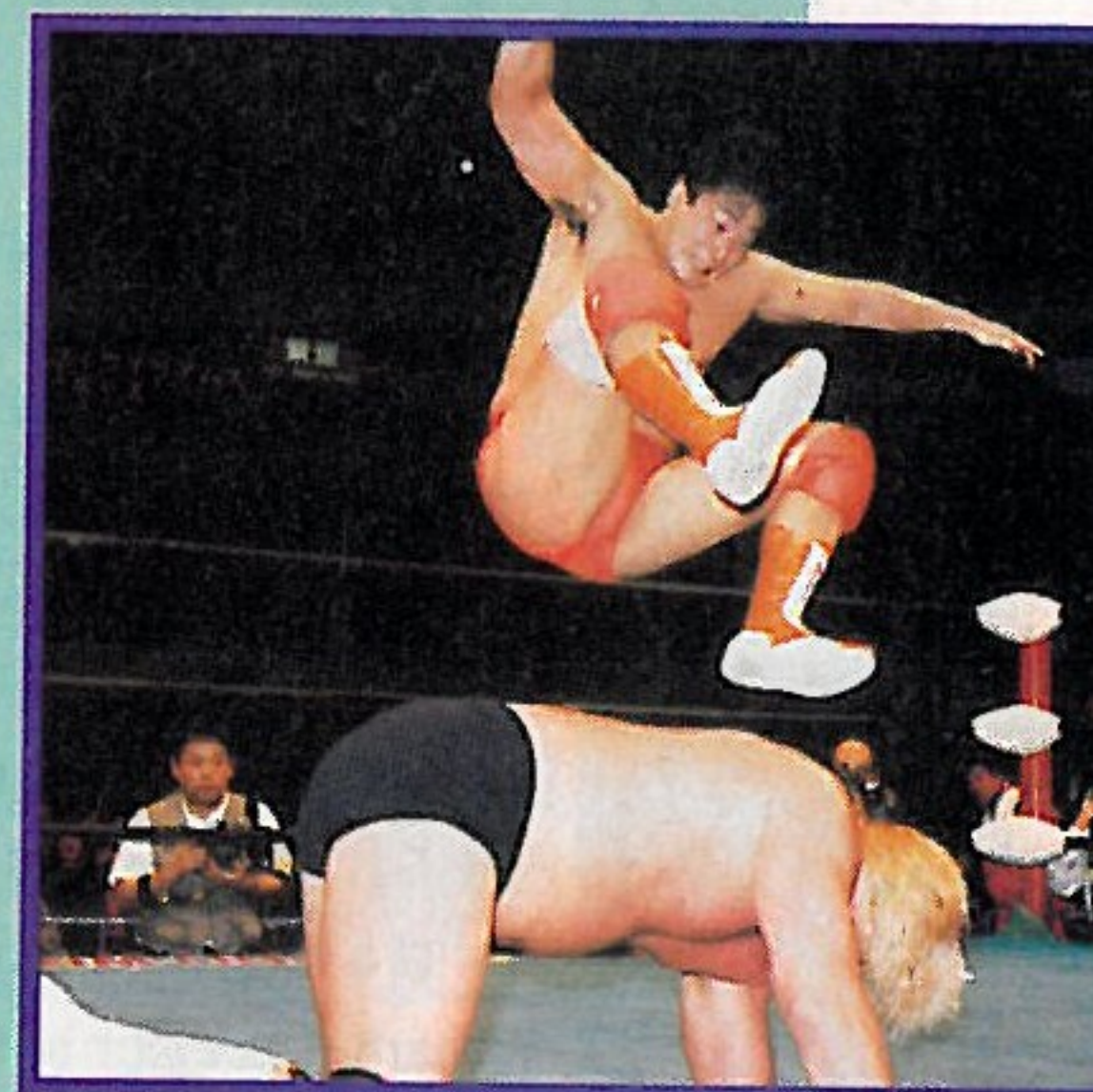
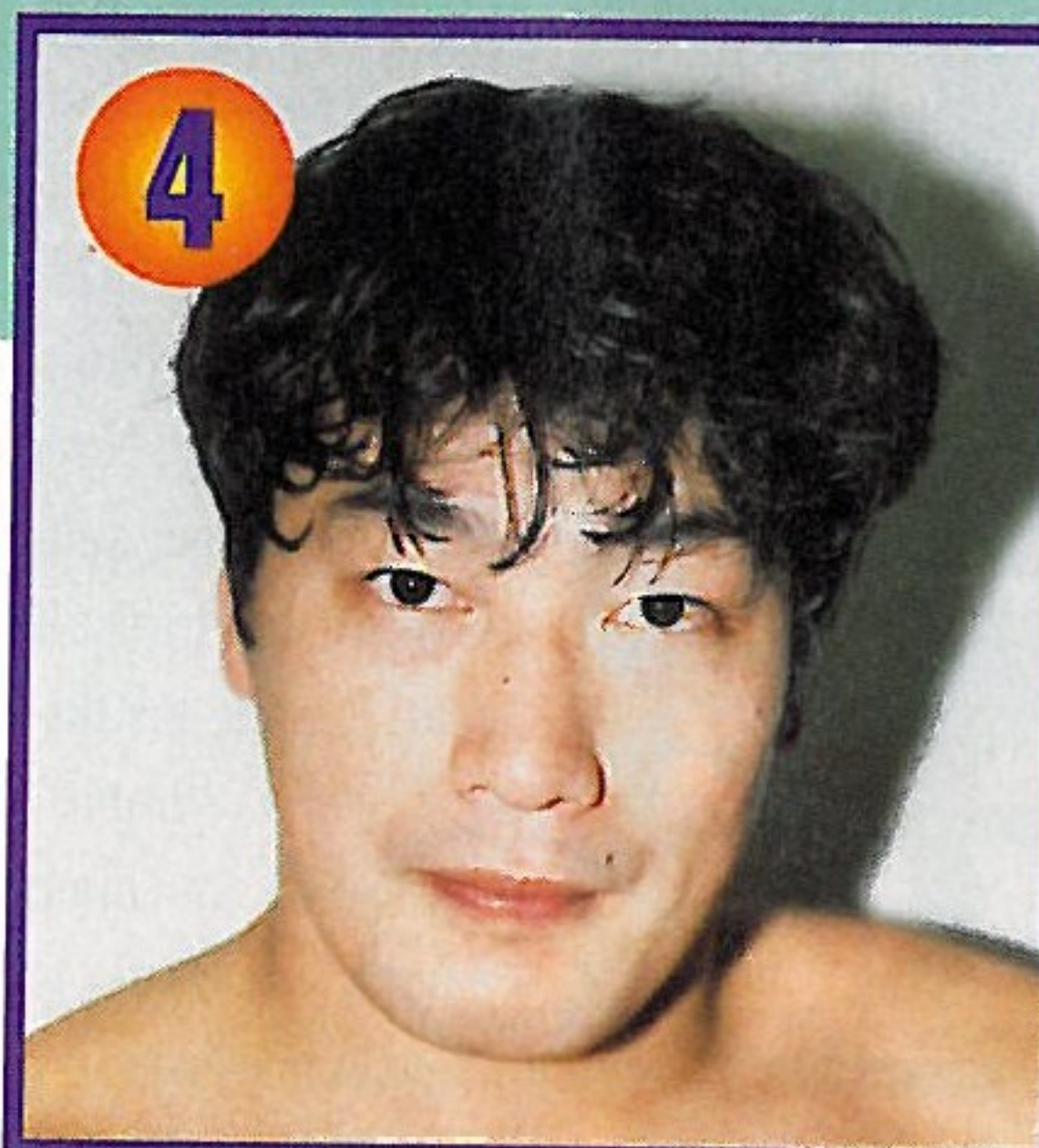
1. Defeated Akira Taue to become the youngest All-Japan Triple Crown champion ever (he's 29) on July 24. 2. Was involved in *Weekly Pro Wrestling's* Tag Team Match of the Year for the third consecutive year. 3. Teamed with Tamon Honda to defeat Taue and Tsuyoshi Kikuchi. 4. Defeated Satoru Asako. 5. In a pri-

vate poll, voted by Japanese fans as the best aerial and technical wrestler in that country.

**HE SAID IT (through an interpreter):** "It is a true honor to be ranked in the top 10 of the 'PWI 500.' For years, I have strived for recognition, not just in Japan, but around the world. To be in the company of such great

wrestlers is a dream come true. Since my rookie year, I have strived for excellence. Winning the Triple Crown was the highlight of my career so far, but I don't feel I have reached my peak yet. There are more worlds to conquer, and that may include crossing the ocean to the WWF and WCW. They have great and legendary champions that I would love to compete against. The fans of the United States are great, and someday I want them to see what I can do."

**PATH TO THE TOP 10:** 69th in 1993; 37th in 1994; 64th in 1995



Kobashi leaps onto Johnny Ace

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** This native of Kyoto, Japan, has been a patient man since his debut in 1988. He got his chance to shine for a while after Genichiro Tenryu and later The Great Kabuki left All-Japan Wrestling; their departures allowed some of the

younger wrestlers to get more exposure. But that did not spoil the rising star. He quietly plied his trade and worked hard to improve and impress fans, promoters, and his fellow wrestlers. Becoming the youngest Triple Crown champ ever is something he should be proud of, but, as he said, not be satisfied with. "Orange Crush" (a nickname given to him due to his penchant for wearing orange ring attire) must continue to use his impressive aerial and technical skills to fight off the intense competition in All-Japan. The U.S. can wait a few years.



# AHMED JOHNSON

(6'4", 255, 5, 295)

Michaels to defeat WWF World tag team champs The Smokin' Gunns by disqualification on July 22. 5. Defeated Big Van Vader three times in one week in May.

**HE SAID IT:** "For a long time, I waited for my chance to prove myself in the WWF. From the day I started there, I wanted to be an impact wrestler. I achieved that goal by bodyslamming Yokozuna at my first big event, the Survivor Series. I wanted everyone to know that Ahmed Johnson was here to stay. I was content to bide my time and wait for my title shots to come. Then Goldust did what he did and got my attention. Even though I was stripped of the Intercontinental title because of an injury, I was the Intercontinental champion, and no one can take that away. I know that I have been pushed into the spotlight very rapidly. But I still have the desire to be WWF champion someday soon. I'll win that belt for the people."



Ahmed's "Pearl-River Plunge"

**PATH TO THE TOP 10:** 217th in 1994; 295th in 1995

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** This year, Ahmed Johnson made one of the biggest jumps in the "500"—290 places to be exact. One year ago, few people knew who Ahmed Johnson was. He was establishing himself in the rough world of independent wrestling as a rulebreaker. Now he is a former Intercontinental champion, but he faces an uncertain future. With his success comes the adoration of millions of fans, but when his injured kidney is fully recovered and he returns, there will be a lot of pressure on him to reach that level of success again. He will be a target of many, including Faarooq, the man who injured him. He seems to have the character necessary to do it. He's already being called a future world champion by many. One thing is certain: His jump next year won't be as great.

# REY MISTERIO JR.

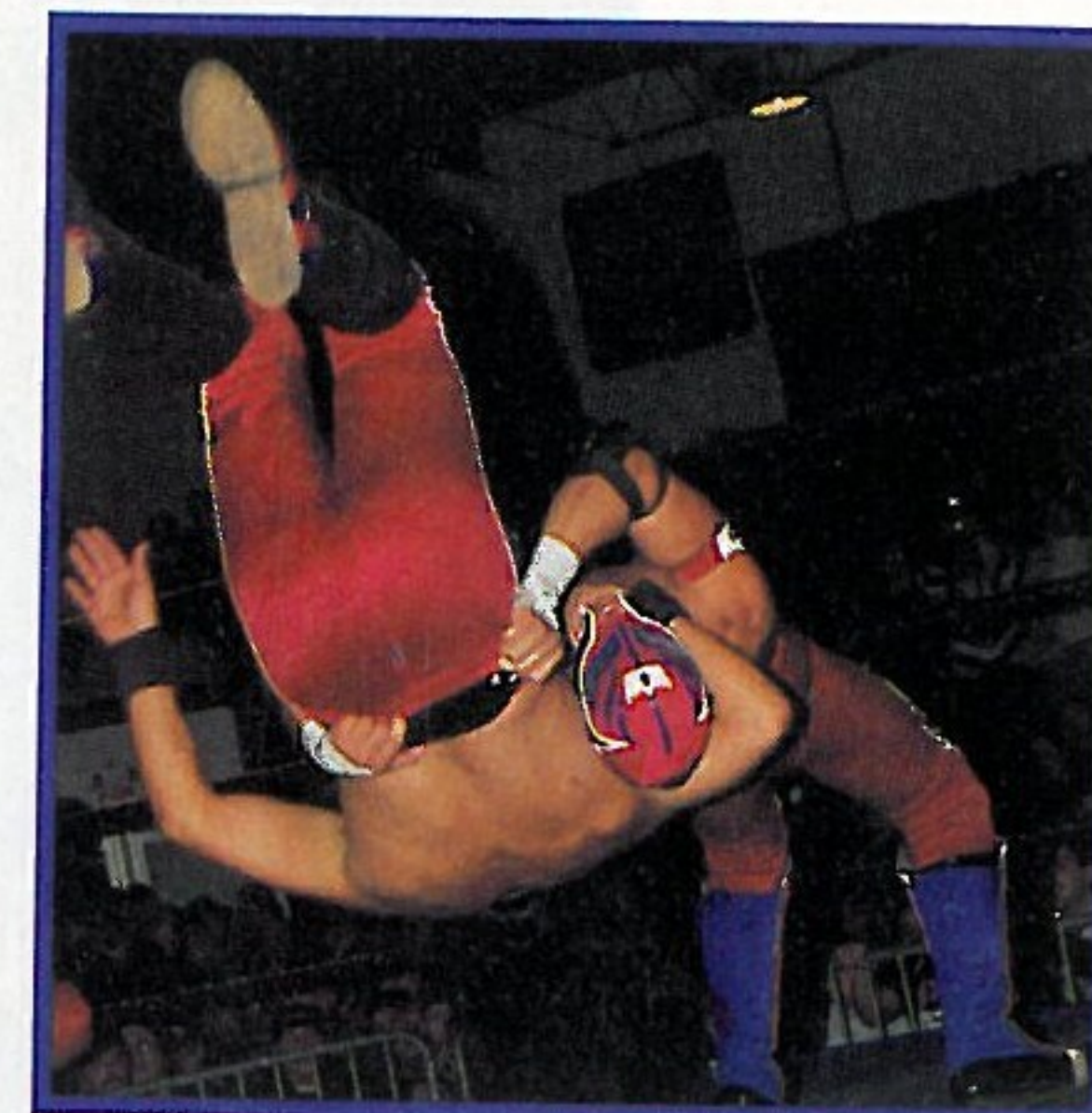
(5'3", 140, 5, 18)

weight title. 3. Defeated long-time rival Psicosis at Bash at the Beach. 4. Defeated Juventud Guerrera several times in ECW. 5. Voted best wrestler in the world pound-for-pound in 1996 "PWI Poll."

**HE SAID IT:** "I could never have prepared myself for what has happened to me in WCW so far. My long-term goal was to win that cruiserweight belt. Winning it very early on was exciting, but I had no time to celebrate. I know a lot of people are out to get me. Now my role is to bring respect to the cruiserweight division. The last thing I want is to have this title discontinued. I promise to make matches exciting and face all wrestlers who want a shot at my belt. And I have also dedicated myself to WCW. As a titleholder, I will stand with the others and fight off any invasion. All this and a place in the top 10 of the 'PWI 500' will make 1996 memorable. Who knows what's in store for '97."

**PATH TO THE TOP 10:** 101st in 1994; 18th in 1995

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** It would be nice to say that Rey Misterio Jr. controls his own destiny. He alone defeated Dean Malenko for the



Misterio suplexes Guerrera

cruiserweight belt. But politics in WCW could now steer the course of his career. The now-defunct light heavyweight title was treated like a communicable disease, and it wasn't because the champions weren't talented. So Misterio battles opponents, the NWO and, possibly, WCW brass. That's a great deal for the 140-pounder to shoulder. Misterio is up for it, though. If WCW continues to bring in quality cruiserweights for him to wrestle, the division will succeed, and Misterio could remain in this top 10 for years to come.

## TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF YEAR:

1. Defeated Dean Malenko for the WCW cruiserweight title on July 8. 2. Defeated Ultimo Dragon at Hog Wild in defense of his cruiser-

# HULK HOGAN

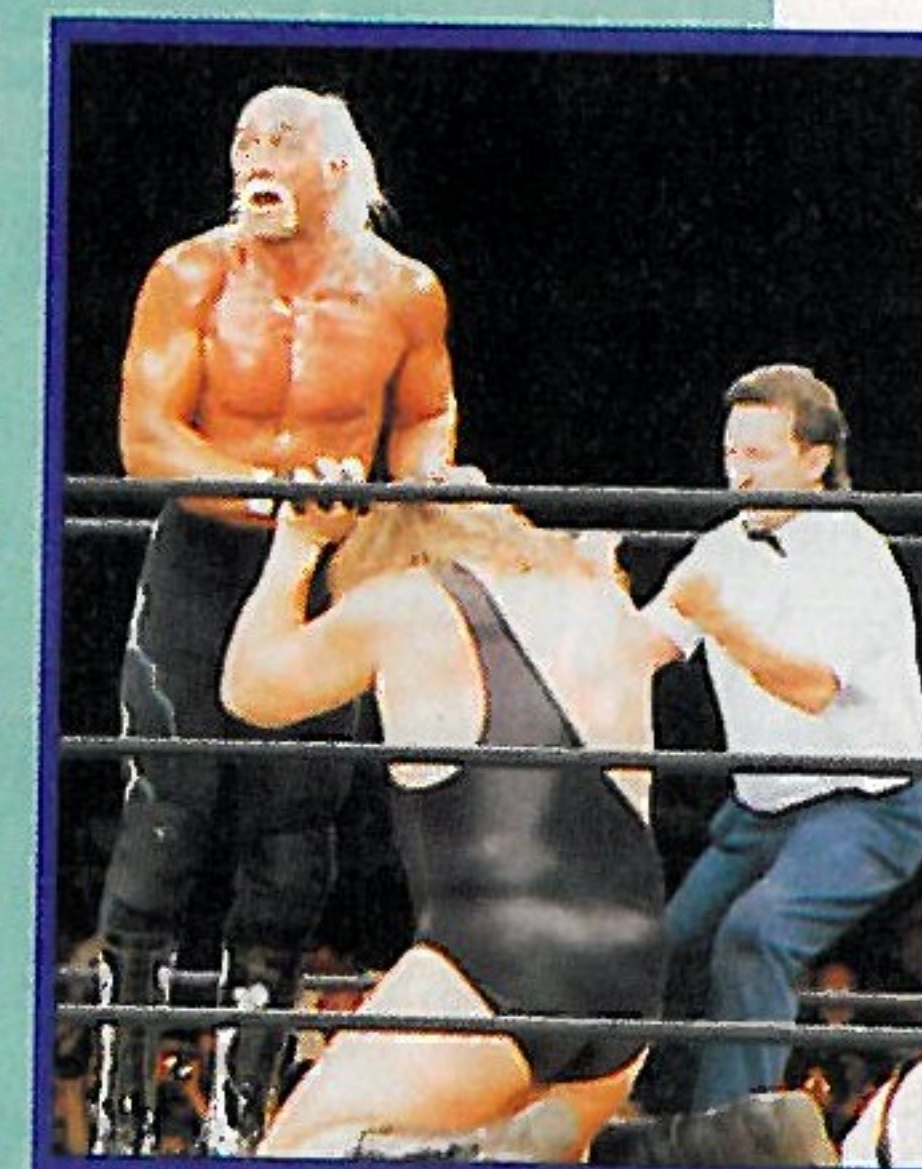
(6'8", 275, 17, 6)

## TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF YEAR:

1. Defeated The Giant for the WCW (he calls it NWO) World title at Hog Wild. 2. Turned against all of WCW and joined Kevin Nash and Scott Hall in forming the NWO at Bash at the Beach. 3. Helped Nash and Hall plan a backstage attack on Arn Anderson, The

American Males, and Rey Misterio Jr. on *WCW Monday Nitro* on July 29. 4. Teamed with Randy Savage to defeat the Dungeon of Doom at Uncensored. 5. Attacked and humiliated his long-time friend The Booty Man after Booty brought him a birthday cake at the end of Hog Wild.

**HE SAID IT:** "I'll make this crystal-clear, brother. The 'new' Hulk Hogan is not happy being ranked behind all these other so-called wrestlers. I'm happy for Nash, but I'm the undisputed New World Order heavyweight champion, and our rankings are the only ones that matter. As far as I'm concerned, I'm number one. This is all a conspiracy against me and the NWO. I finally stood up for myself and what happens? Those idiot fans have the gall to boo me. Well, make no mistake about it: Next year's top 10 will be comprised of all NWO wrestlers. We will rule wrestling, because Hulk Hogan rules wrestling and has the NWO belt. And if the fans don't like it, as I've said before,



Hogan wears down The Giant

they can stick it."

**PATH TO THE TOP 10:** 1st in 1991; 12th in 1992 (in semi-retirement); 17th in 1993; 2nd in 1994; 6th in 1995

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** The shock of seeing the new "Hollywood" Hulk Hogan has still not worn off for most people. But like it or not, Hogan has been reborn as a rulebreaker. He is still the only man to get

up from The Giant's choke-slam. Since he's now willing to use whatever tactics are necessary for him to win, and since Nash and Hall are always around to lend him a helping hand, this title reign could last longer than his first in WCW. There are very few wrestlers ranked in the "500" who are more dangerous than Hogan. The "Hulkster" used to rank as one of the wrestlers most likely to be betrayed by a friend. Now it's payback time for Hogan. His payback could be dominance that exceeds his past accomplishments.

# KEVIN NASH

(7', 356, 6, 1)

Sting and Lex Luger at Hog Wild. 5. Turned against former best friend Shawn Michaels.

**HE SAID IT:** "The fact that I am number six after being number one last year is an insult. I'm still the toughest guy in wrestling today. Who knocked down the doors of WCW with a big boot? Kevin Nash, that's who. I am a charter member of the greatest wrestling organization going today, the New World Order. The 'Hulkster' has the World belt, and Scott and I will take the rest of them. If Sting, Lex, and 'Nacho Man' have anything to say about it, let them get in the ring. We're getting tired of beating them up, but it doesn't make it any less pleasurable."



Nash works over The Undertaker

**PATH TO THE TOP 10:** 367th as Oz in 1991; 203rd as Vinnie Vegas in 1992; unrated as Vinnie Vegas in 1993; 14th as Diesel in 1994; 1st as Diesel in 1995

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** The Wrestler Formerly Known As Diesel truly defies the odds. Never has a man with so many different identities been so successful. Now he must follow up his incredible three-year run in the WWF with an impressive sequel in WCW (or the NWO, if Nash has his way). He has spent his first few months back in WCW competing in tag team matches with Scott Hall and lurking in Hulk Hogan's shadow. Instead of being an NWO lackey, Nash needs to look out a little more for himself again. Despite his disdain for his "home" promotion, he must compete for a title to maintain his share of a crowded spotlight.



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## TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF YEAR:

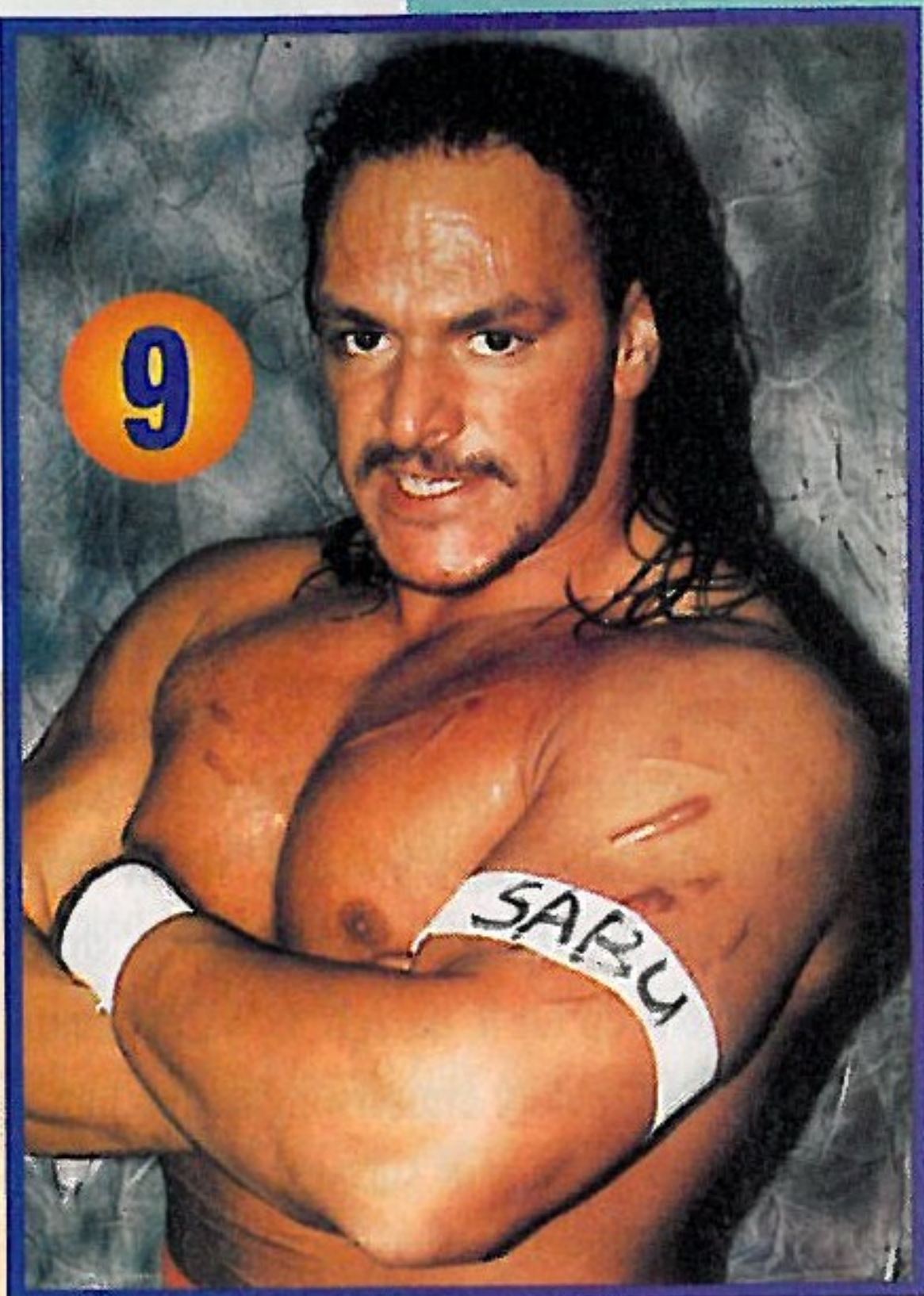
1. Helped Scott Hall and Hulk Hogan form the New World Order, an anti-WCW clique. 2. Power-bombed WCW Senior Vice President Eric Bischoff through a stage at The Great American Bash. 3. Attacked Mad Dog Vachon and tore off his prosthetic leg during a WWF World title match with Shawn Michaels at In Your House VII. 4. Teamed with Hall to defeat



# SABU (6', 220, 6, 5)

## TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF YEAR:

1. Wrestled the entire year with a severely damaged neck and never gave in to the pain. 3.



Defeated Rob Van Dam in a stretcher match on August 3. 3. Defeated former Heavenly Body Jimmy Del Ray several times in ECW. 4. Defeated Stevie Richards despite the interference of a few of Richards' allies on January 5. 5. Pinned Cactus Jack twice in ECW in February.

**HE SAID IT (through an interpreter):** "For the second year in a row, I have proven that it is not only WWF and WCW wrestlers that belong in this top 10. I am the best wrestler in the toughest federation in America, ECW. I truly appreciate this recognition from PRO WRESTLING ILLUSTRATED. I do what I want when I want, and I have been rewarded here for it. The Sheik has always told me to follow my heart and my instincts, and that's just what I'm doing. I said it last year, but I will say it again: I will not be satisfied until I'm at the top of this list. And I plan to do it as a member of ECW."

**PATH TO THE TOP 10:** 389th in 1991 ("A real comer"); 79th in 1992; 56th in 1993; 12th in 1994; 5th in 1995



Sabu moonsaults onto Shane Douglas

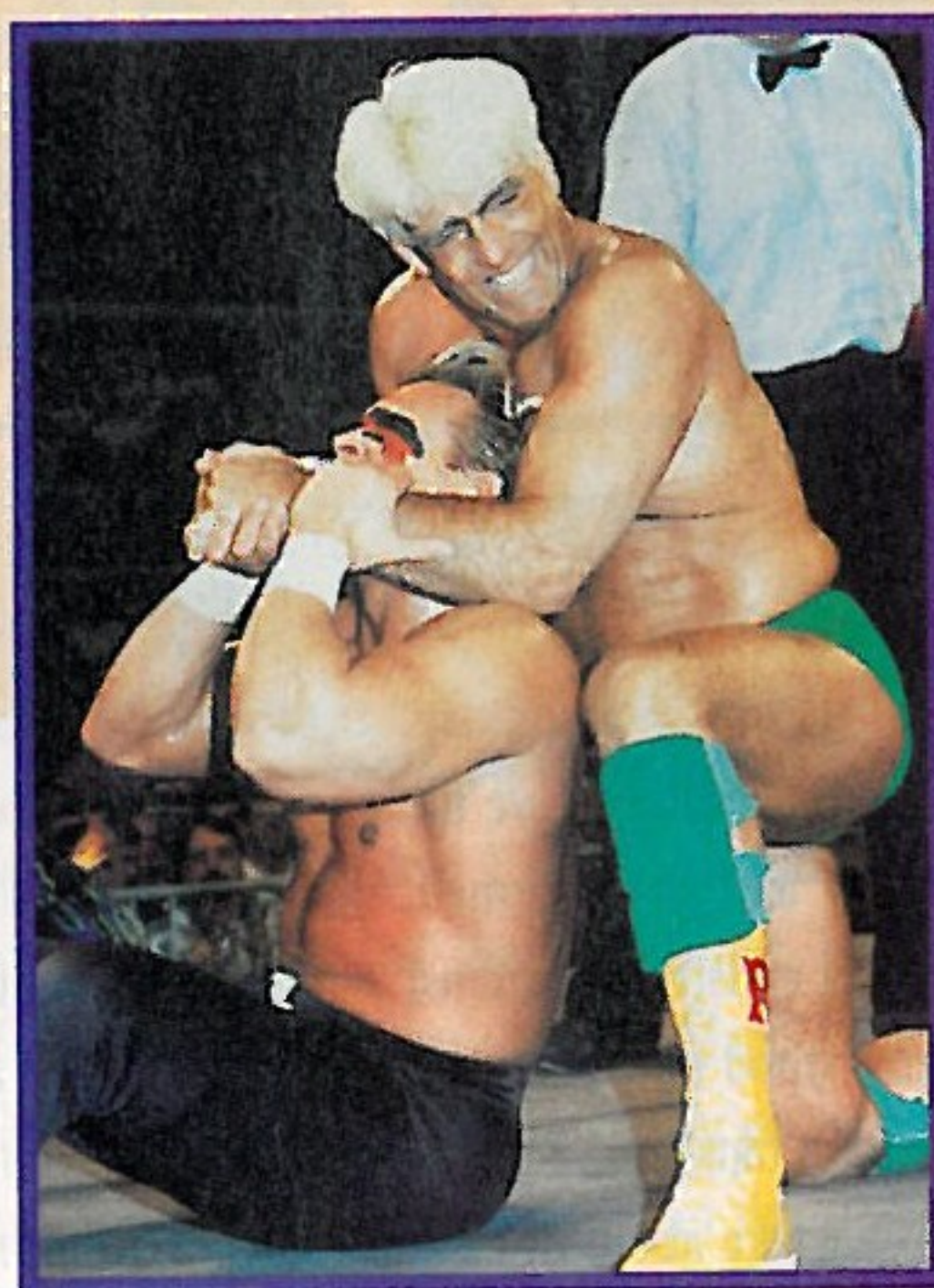
**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** Sabu is hard to figure out. For years, he exemplified the term "independent wrestler." While most heralded his move to WCW last fall, Sabu's stint there did little more than give him a broader audience for which to show off his unusual

skills and style for a few months. This year, he brought his growing fan base back to his home promotion, Extreme Championship Wrestling. Sabu hasn't changed. He's still a manic superstar who wows observers and frightens opponents. He made it to the top 10 last year as an independent wrestler and continues to hold on to a high ranking as a true independent. Sabu will likely need to capture a major title in 1997 to remain in the top 10, though.

## TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF YEAR:

1. Defeated Randy Savage for his 12th world title at Super Brawl VI. 2. Defeated Konnan for the WCW U.S. title at Bash at the Beach. 3. Recruited former NFL great and WCW broadcaster Steve McMichael to join The Four Horsemen. 4. Got his first-ever pinfall victory over Hulk Hogan. 5. Beat Eddy Guerrero in defense of his U.S. title at Hog Wild.

**HE SAID IT:** "Every time people say the 'Nature Boy' is finished, I defy the odds. When I lost that retirement match to Hogan, they said I was through. What happened? Two more WCW World titles. After The Giant took my belt, people said that Ric Flair's days of being a champion were over. What happened? I beat the *legendary* Konnan for yet another U.S. title. And here I am, back in the top 10, where I belong. And it's not over yet, baby. Another WCW World title beckons, and



Flair chinlocks Sting

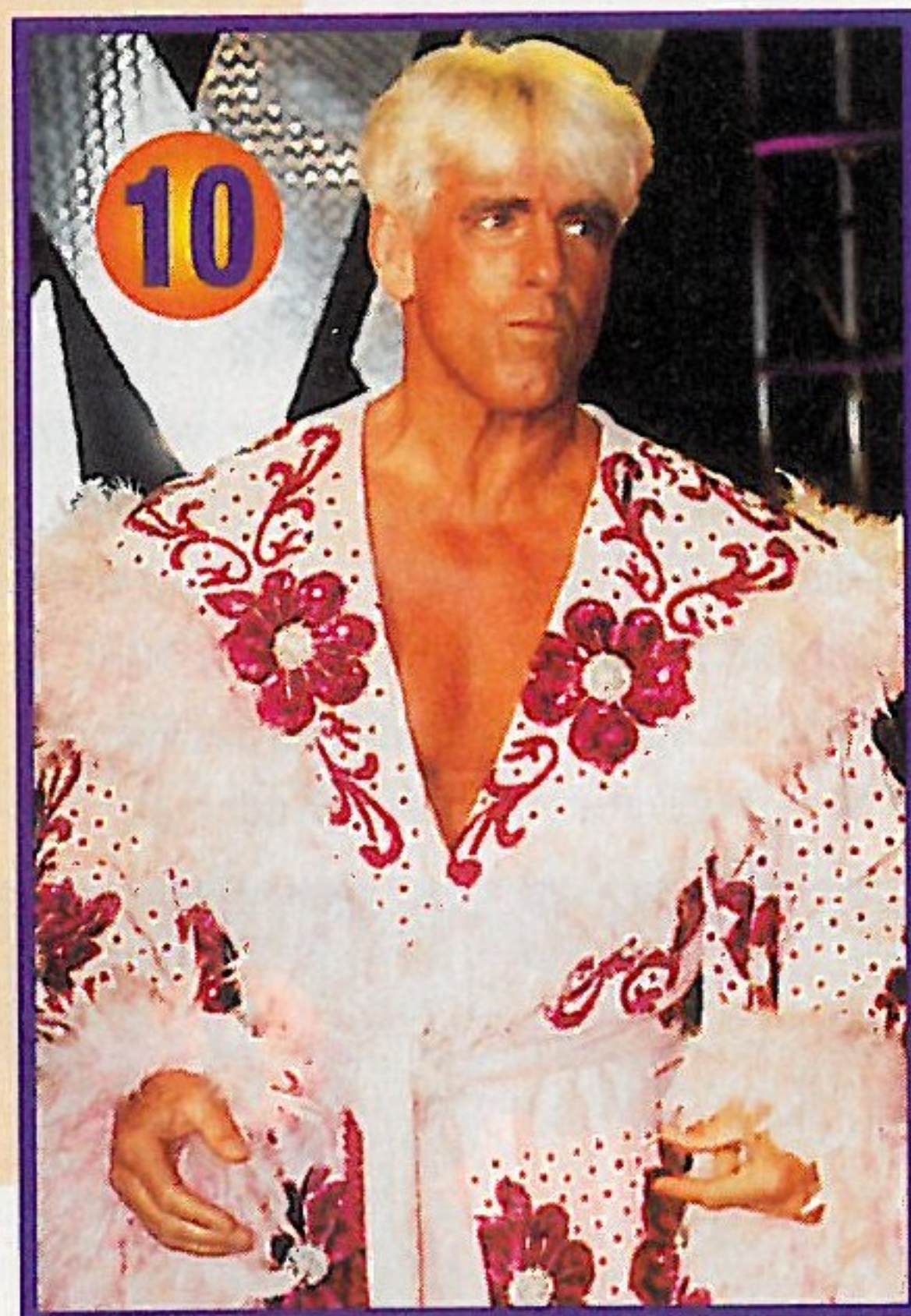
# RIC FLAIR (6'1", 243, 23, 20)

so does a number-one ranking in the top '500.' Diamonds are forever, and so is Ric Flair."

**PATH TO THE TOP 10:** 3rd in 1991; 3rd in 1992; 6th in 1993; 3rd in 1994; 20th in 1995

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** What can we write about the future of Ric Flair that hasn't already been written? He has been written off as many times as he has made surprising comebacks. Flair knows something that we don't know. He has defied age, injury,

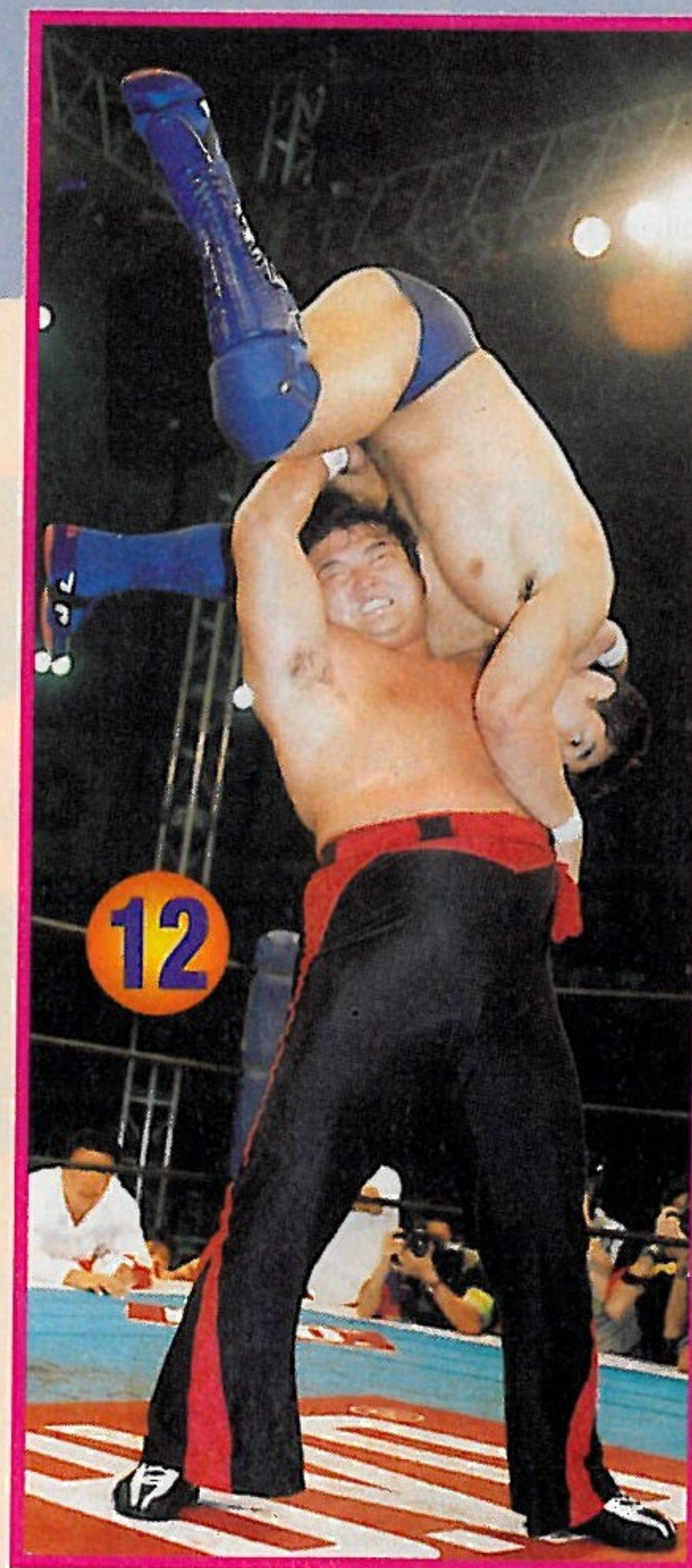
a federation jump, and the court of public opinion to win 12 world titles and a handful of other



belts. To predict exactly what 1997 holds for Ric Flair is next to impossible. Who would have thought he would hold two WCW World titles and one U.S. belt in 1996? Flair knows the formula for his success. He must continue to be the "Nature Boy" and surround himself with three elite wrestlers and a bevy of beautiful women. He'll be a winner until the day he retires.

**11 GOLDUST** (6'5", 254, 9, 62) Arguably the most controversial figure in wrestling history ... Frequently crosses the lines of decency and decorum in order to psych out opponents ... Two-time former WWF Intercontinental champion ... Marlena "directs" his every move from ringside ... Has had spirited feuds with Razor Ramon, Savio Vega, Roddy Piper, and Ahmed Johnson ... Was beaten and stripped of most of his clothes by Piper at WrestleMania XII ... Held WCW U.S. and tag team belts as Dustin Rhodes ... Son of Dusty Rhodes.

**12 SHINYA HASHIMOTO** (5'11", 285, 12, 134) Has held IWGP heavyweight belt on several occasions and the tag team belts once with Masa Saito ... One of New Japan's rising young stars ... Has defeated some of the best in Japan, including The Great Muta, Riki Choshu, and Tatsumi Fujinami ... Has a devastating dropkick, but favors the DDT.



Hashimoto suplexes Nobuhiko Takada

**13 DEAN MALENKO** (5'9", 216, 16, 21) Left ECW in the fall of '95 for WCW, where he held the cruiserweight title for two months ... One of the best mat wrestlers in the world ... Still makes frequent trips to Japan ... Likes to use "Texas cloverleaf" leglock as finisher ... Held ECW TV title several times ... Comes from wrestling family: Father was notorious rulebreaker Boris Malenko, and siblings Joe and Debbie have also wrestled.

**14 BIG VAN VADER** (6'5", 450, 11, 7) This three-time former WCW World champion is now terrorizing the WWF ... With manager Jim Cornette, is feuding with WWF top dog Shawn Michaels ... Former IWGP tag team champion with Bam Bam Bigelow in 1992 ... Suspended earlier this year for attacking WWF President Gorilla Monsoon ... Has a deadly power bomb and an even nastier mean streak.

**15 SCOTT STEINER** (6'1", 235, 11, 15) He and brother Rick comprise one of the best tag teams in wrestling history ... Now in WCW, but has wrestled most of the past few years in Japan ... He and Rick are former WWF World, WCW World, and IWGP tag team champions ... Creator of the "Frankensteiner" finisher ... Now feuding with Harlem Heat and The Nasty Boys.

**16 BRET HART** (5'11", 234, 20, 4) "The Hitman" had a turbulent year; he began 1996 as WWF World champ, but left wrestling shortly after losing the belt to Shawn Michaels at WrestleMania XII ... His third World title reign was his shortest, lasting only 4½ months ... Had harsh words for Shawn Michaels before and after losing the title to him ... Now in exile, spending time with his family, but sources say he'll be back in the WWF by year's end ... Superlative scientific wrestler.

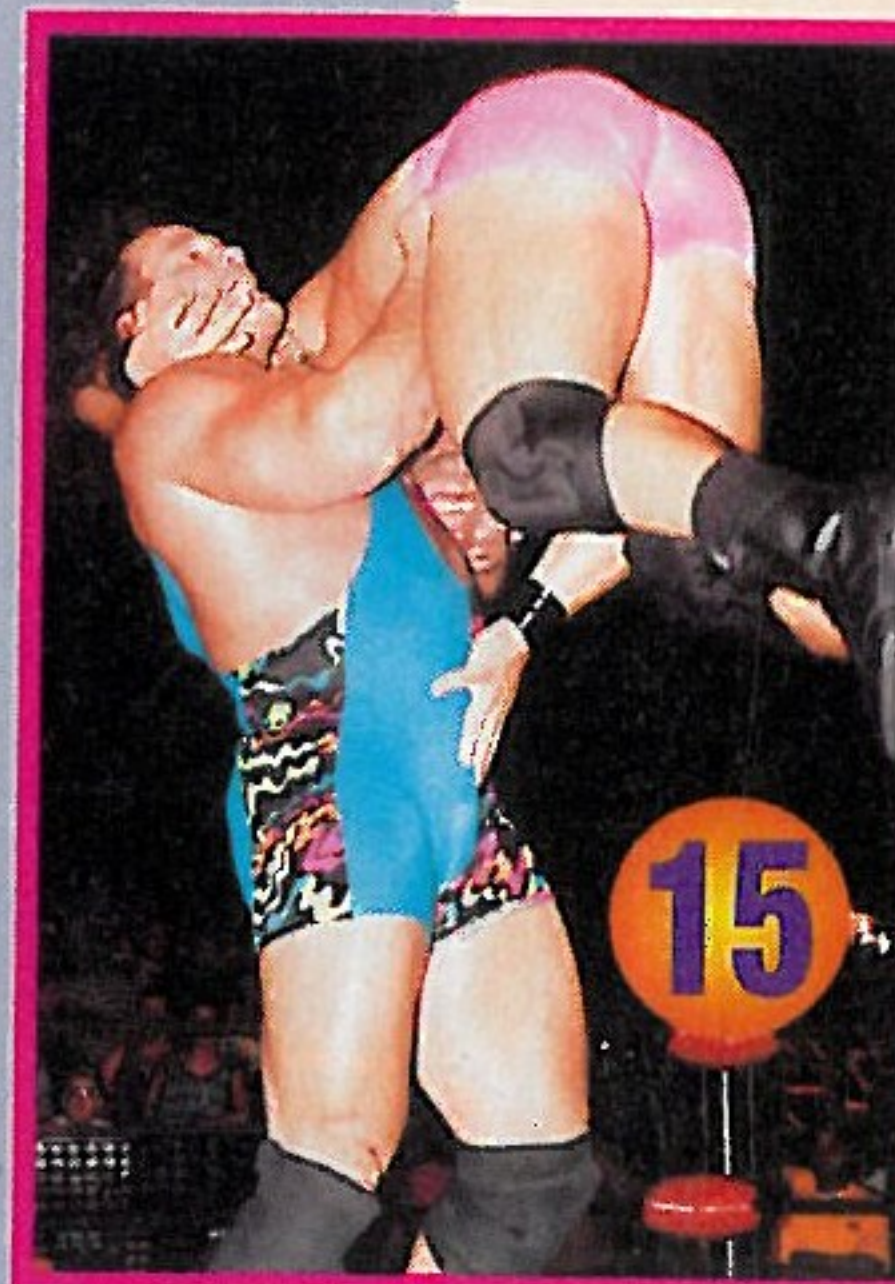
**17 LEX LUGER** (6'5", 265, 11, 23) Back in WCW after an uneventful WWF stint that saw him win no titles ... Silenced some critics by winning the TV and tag belts in WCW shortly after coming back to WCW ... Relationship with Sting has had its ups and downs, but they're getting along very well now ... Has been "racking" up opponents left and right ... Played football in the CFL and USFL after attending the University of Florida on a football scholarship ... Won Southern title from Wahoo McDaniel 19 days after pro debut.

**18 CHRIS BENOIT** (5'10", 218, 10, 46) Since joining The Four Horsemen, the "Canadian Crippler" has really blossomed in WCW ... Not too concerned with being Ric Flair's personal bodyguard; instead he's concentrating on his own career ... Got nickname by breaking Sabu's neck during an ECW match in 1994 ... Wrestles frequently in Japan, where he is known as Wild Pegasus ... Was in WCW once before, but didn't fare well and headed back to independents ... Silent, but violent is how he likes to be described.

**19 THE UNDERTAKER** (6'9", 328, 8, 14) Paul Bearer's former protege is still alive in the WWF's top 10 ... Former WWF World champion ... Ring entrance still sends shivers up fans' spines ... Feuded with Goldust and currently feuding with Mankind, who lured Bearer away from him ... Suffered several injuries this past year, including a cracked orbital bone, but keeps coming back strong.

**20 SHANE DOUGLAS** (6', 223, 10, 29) "The Franchise" had a brief stint in the WWF as Dean Douglas, but gave the WWF a failing grade, then returned to the turbulent world of ECW, where he won the TV title ... Now has Francine as his valet ... Pittsburgh native started wrestling in the UWF and defeated Eddie Gilbert for the TV title ... Has also wrestled in the CWA and in WCW ... Was second runner-up in 1987 PWI Rookie of the Year balloting.

**21 RANDY SAVAGE** (6'2", 237, 22, 8) Won his first WCW World heavyweight title in a three-ring, 60-man battle royal at World War III pay-per-view ... Lost the title a month later to Ric Flair, regained it a month after that, then lost it back to Flair a month after that ... Has spent much of '96 feuding with ex-wife Elizabeth and Flair, who both spent her alimony money lavishly ... Was briefly suspended by WCW from attending any televised cards because he couldn't control his temper.

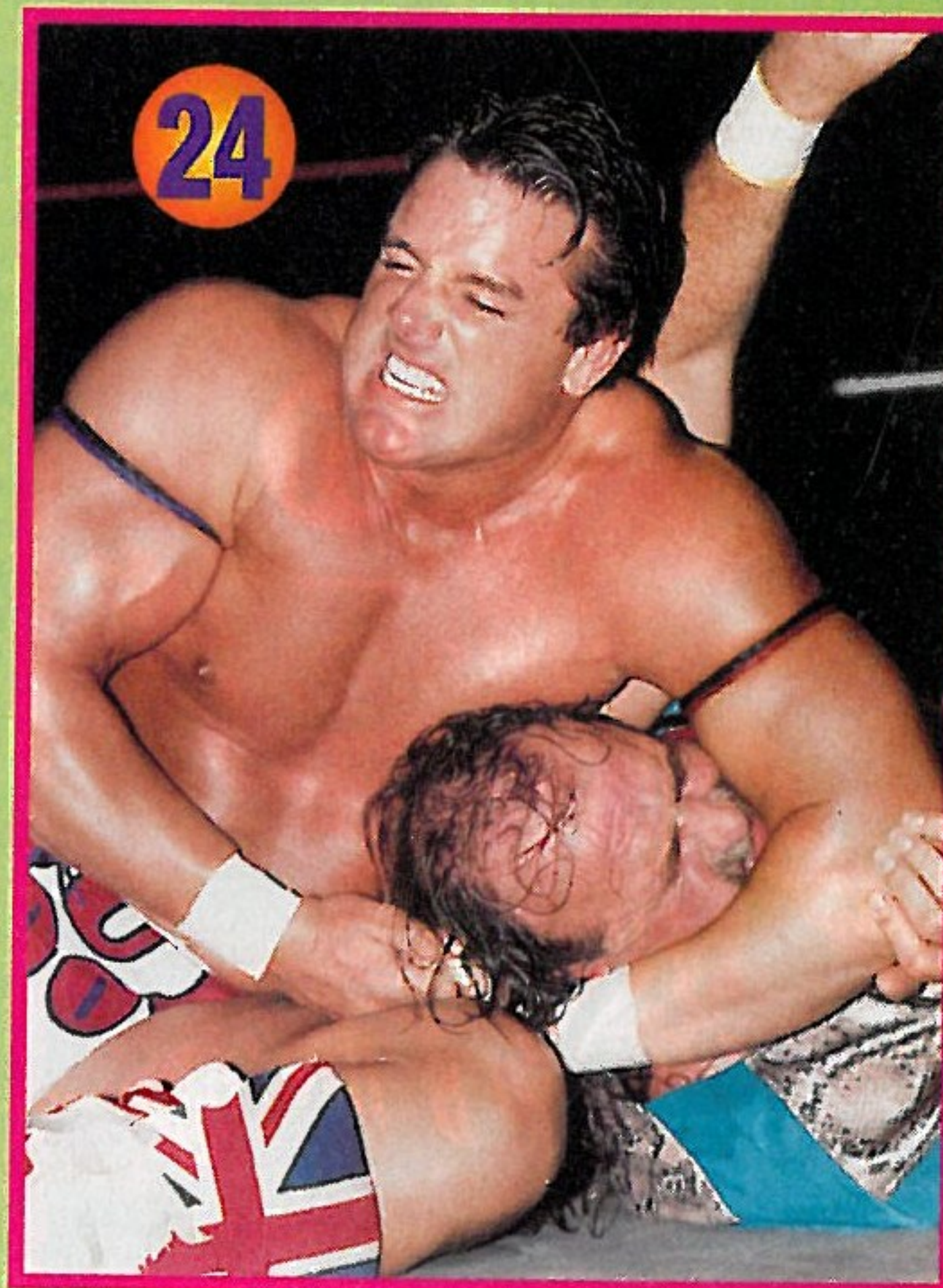


Scott is a suplex master

Currently holds nine internationally recognized titles ... Also competes occasionally in Mexico ... Recently suffered a cracked skull, but was only expected to be out of action for a few weeks ... Beat Jushin Liger last year to win "Super J" Tournament ... Arguably the best pure high-flyer in Japan.

**24 DAVEY BOY SMITH** (5'9", 245, 19, 39) Member of Camp Cornette, but he also started listening to advice from his wife, Diana, for a while this summer ... Tried to defend Diana's honor against Shawn Michaels after Diana accused Shawn of making unwanted advances toward her ... Former World tag team titlist with Dynamite Kid ... Has bulked up a lot in recent years to become a great power wrestler ... Occasionally teams with brother-in-law Owen Hart.

**25 KONNAN** (5'10", 230, 9, 38) AAA superstar entered the American mainstream in the last year, first in ECW, then in WCW, where he won the U.S. title from One Man Gang ... Lost the U.S. title to Ric Flair at Bash at the Beach ... Uses an array of suplexes and devastating finishing maneuvers ... Participated in the World Wrestling Peace Festival in Los Angeles, where he is especially popular ... Recently turned rulebreaker in WCW.

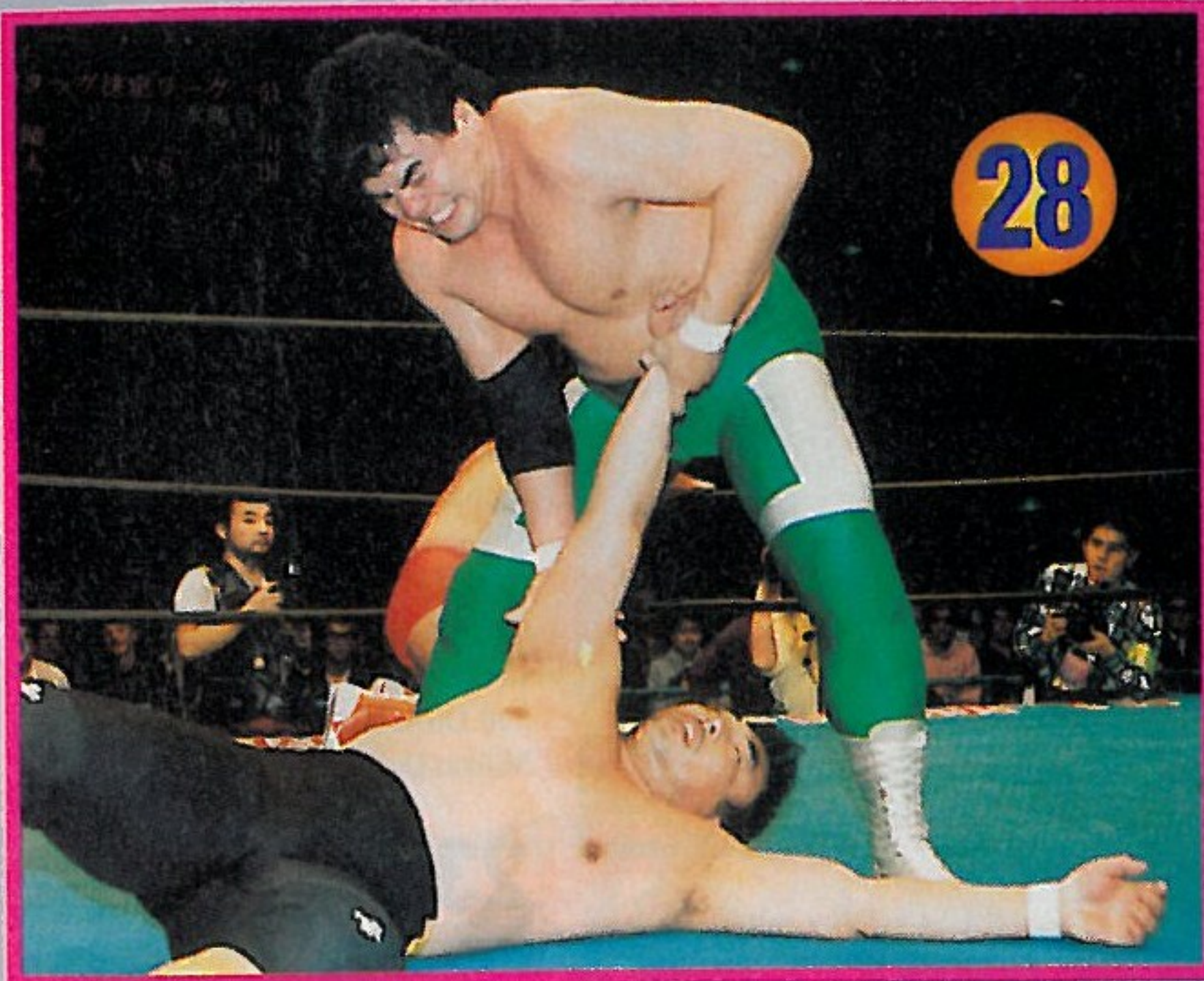


Davey Boy has a nasty attitude

**22 STEVE AUSTIN** (6'2", 241, 7, 43) This former WCW standout is quietly, but decisively ascending the WWF rankings ... "Stone-Cold" won the 1996 King of the Ring tournament despite suffering a split upper lip, which required several stitches to close, in a semifinal match ... Former WCW U.S. champion ... Suffered a severe knee injury in 1994 during a match with Hacksaw Duggan and was never the same in WCW afterward ... Briefly managed in the WWF by Ted DiBiase, who made him the Million-Dollar champion.

**23 THE GREAT SASUKE** (5'8", 190, 6, 132) Hottest young Japanese wrestler ...



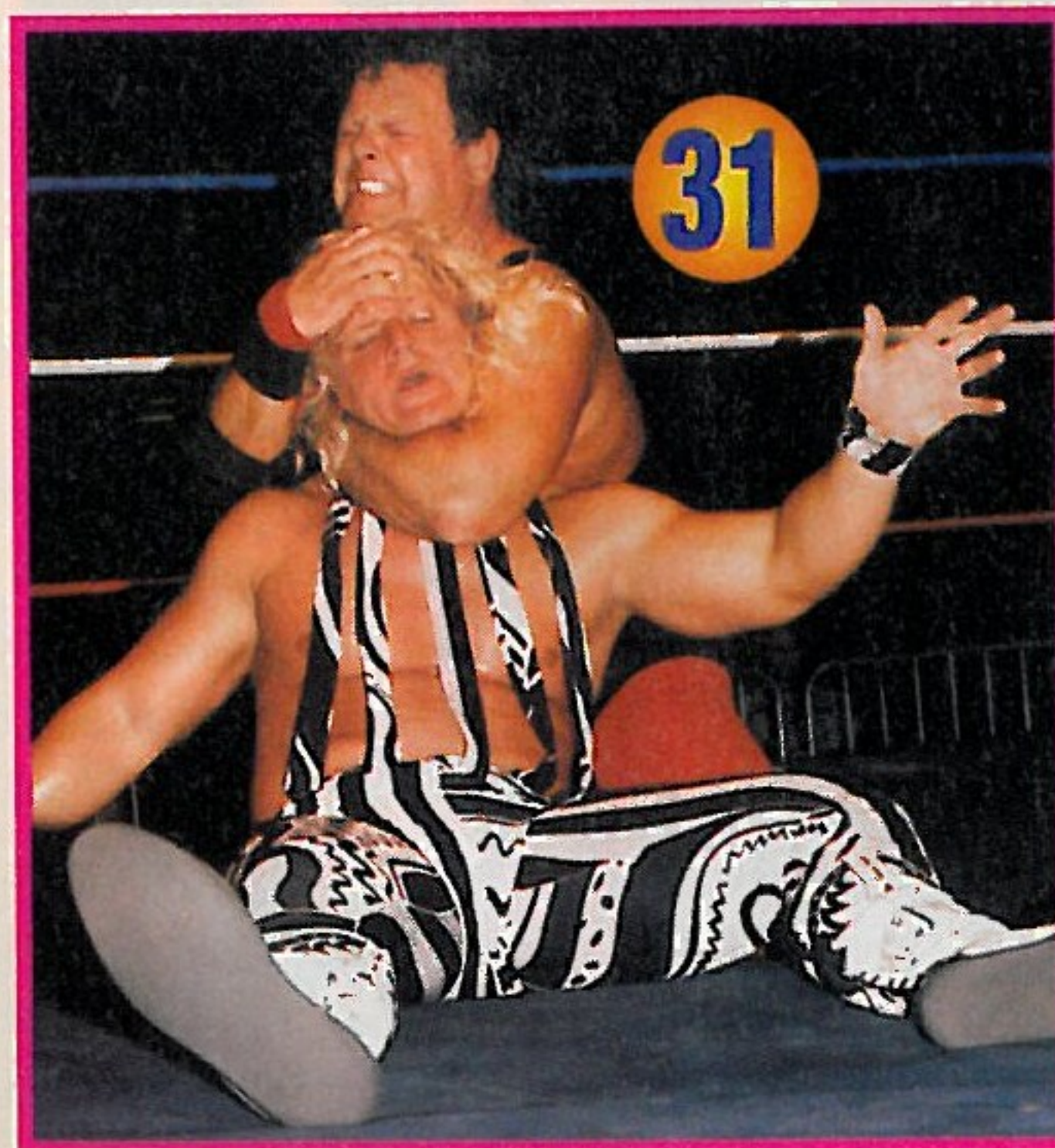


Misawa armlocks Toshiaki Kawada

**26 JEFF JARRETT** (5'10", 230, 10, 11) "Double-J" turned his back on his loyal Memphis fans in '96 and left the USWA after losing the heavyweight title to Jerry Lawler in July ... Returned to WWF late in '95, but suffered a back injury during his feud with Ahmed Johnson and was out for several months ... Three-time former WWF Intercontinental champion now claims to be "greater than great" ... Still one of the most skilled wrestlers in the sport.

**27 ARN ANDERSON** (6', 249, 14, 24) "The Enforcer" is the consummate tag team wrestler ... Has held NWA/WCW TV title on four occasions and has held the NWA/WCW World tag team belts five times ... On July 18, 1989, he and Tully Blanchard became first team to win both the NWA and WWF World tag team belts during their careers ... Third runner-up for 1983 PWI Rookie of the Year Award ... One of the original Four Horsemen.

**28 MITSU HARU MISAWA** (5'11", 228, 16, 10) This legendary Japanese veteran is a former All-Japan Triple Crown champion ... Has also held many other titles in the Orient ... Has defeated dozens of tough competitors, including Steve Williams, in Japan in the last year ... Feuding with Akira Taue ... He and Jun Akiyama are the top team in All-Japan ... Regarded by many as the best scientific wrestler in Japan today.



Few fans like Lawler now

**29 EDDY GUERRERO** (5'8", 231, 9, 17) This high-flyer has found a home in WCW after long stints in ECW and New Japan ... Former ECW TV champion ... Has been feuding with Dean Malenko on and off for more than a year ... Youngest son of Gory Guerrero ... Cagey technical wrestler likes to create new moves during matches ... Began feuding with Dallas Page after Page viciously attacked him following their match at Clash of the Champions XXXIII.

**30 RICK STEINER** (5'11", 248, 12, 19) American fans were happy to see he and brother Scott return to active competition in the States in the last year ... The older Steiner teams almost exclusively with brother Scott, but faced off against him during the "Lethal Lottery" portion of Battlebowl at Slamboree '96

... Has wrestled mostly in Japan for the last few years ... Returned to the U.S. first in the violent world of ECW, then in WCW ... Possesses a devastating top-rope clothesline.

**31 JERRY LAWLER** (6', 234, 26, 22) Transformation from perennial USWA fan favorite to rule-breaker stunned Memphis fans this year ... "The King" spends most of his WWF time as the opinionated, brash color commentator on WWF telecasts ... He's funny, but his jokes always come at the expense of others ... Wrestled Jeff Jarrett to a 60-minute time-limit draw in the USWA in April ... Held USWA heavyweight, Southern, and tag team titles this year ... Now involved in feuds with Jake Roberts and Aldo Montoya in WWF, both of which started because of his big mouth.

**32 THE GREAT MUTA** (6'1", 245, 12, 13) World-renowned for his athleticism ... Won the IWGP title twice in 1995, beating both Shinya Hashimoto and Nobuhiko Takada for the belt ... Former IWGP tag team champion ... Has wrestled extensively in the U.S. in WCW ... Beat Sting for the NWA TV title in 1989 ... Now wrestles a lot without his face paint.

**33 OWEN HART** (5'10", 227, 10, 12) Youngest Hart brother pinned brother Bret during a WWF tour of Kuwait this year ... Former WWF World tag team champion with Yokozuna ... Excellent aerialist now teams with powerful brother-in-law Davey Boy Smith ... Won 1994 King of the Ring ... Claims he was responsible for Shawn Michaels' in-ring collapse last November.

**34 SCOTT HALL** (6'8", 287, 12, 8) This former "Bad Guy" is now doing bad things in WCW as a member of the New World Order ... Had a rough stretch just prior to leaving WWF ... Former WWF Intercontinental champion ... Back to using his real name and original moniker, but he isn't the amiable fan favorite that he was in the old AWA ... Teams regularly with Kevin Nash in WCW ... Was the first "Outsider" to invade that promotion this spring.

**35 2 COLD SCORPIO** (5'11", 222, 10, 30) Currently one of the top contenders in ECW ... Former WCW World tag team champ with Marcus Bagwell and former ECW TV champ ... Regularly tours Japan, where he hones his high-flying skills ... Sidelined for several weeks in May and June with a staph infection ... Exciting high-flyer has been feuding with Sabu and Taz.

**36 NOBUHIKO TAKADA** (6'1", 230, 13, 106) The top drawing wrestler in Japan today ... Fans crowd into the Tokyo Dome for his matches ... Former IWGP champion and UWFI champion ... Likes to use incredibly fast and powerful kicks ... One of the few wrestlers to beat Big Van Vader by submission.

**37 RAVEN** (6'1", 235, 9, 114) Current ECW heavyweight champ ... The icon of a bizarre group of misfits in ECW who seem to worship him ... Bent on ending the careers of Tommy Dreamer and The Sandman ... Now joined at ringside by Sandman's ex-wife, Lori Fullington, and son, Tyler ... In a move even sick by ECW standards, uses Tyler as a shield from a cane-wielding Sandman ... Former ECW tag champ ... Also competed in the USWA and WWF, where he managed The Quebecers to the World tag belts in 1993.

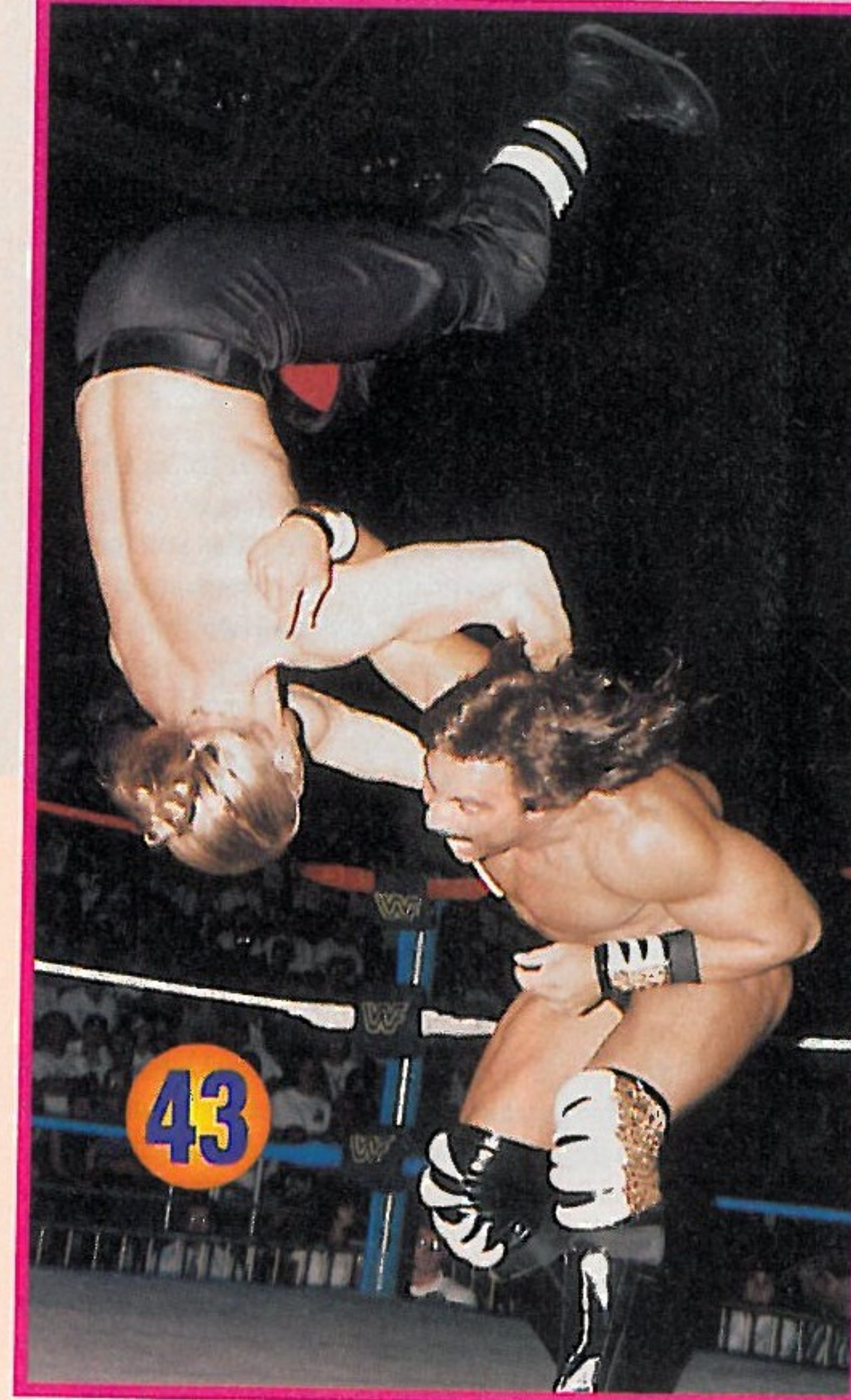


A kick that's just "2 Cold"

**38 JUSHIN LIGER** (5'6", 200, 13, 143) The quintessential aerial wrestler ... Received a scare this year when a tumor was discovered in his brain; it was later determined to be benign ... Held the IWGP junior heavyweight title on several occasions ... Has competed in Mexico and WCW, where he was light heavyweight champion ... Style continues to influence many young high-flyers ... Broke his ankle several years ago, but has since recovered nicely.

**39 PSICOSIS** (5'10", 200, 5, 87) Young AAA star has taken his amazing acrobatic style to U.S. promotions ... Still feuding with fellow AAA star Rey Mysterio Jr. ... Their feud has gone beyond the bounds of Mexico and has spilled into the rings at ECW and, most recently, WCW ... Style is a mixture of daredevil moves and improvisation, since he tends to invent moves as he goes.

**40 SID VICIOUS** (6'8", 318, 9, 34) Briefly retired earlier this year, but it didn't last ... "Psycho" Sid has resurfaced in the WWF, but this time as a fan favorite ... Originally brought in to replace The Ultimate Warrior for several matches, but has since joined the WWF full-time ... Has gone choke-slam crazy since returning to action ... Currently an ally of Shawn Michaels, a man with whom he feuded in '95, but has even warned Shawn not to trust him.

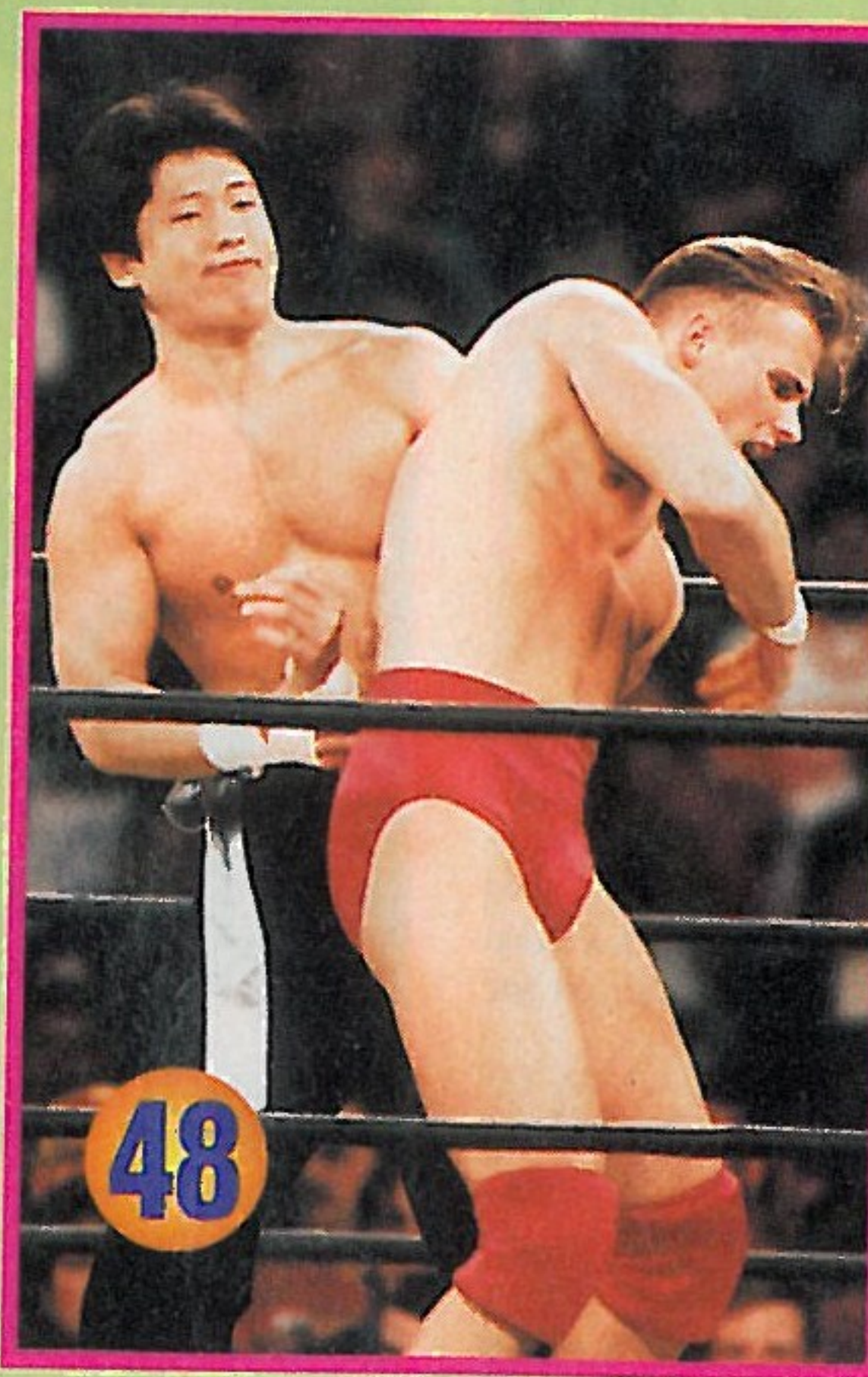


Mero has Helmsley's number

**41 ULTIMO DRAGON** (5'7", 175, 9, 99) High-flying Japan native learned his trade in the Mexican rings ... Debuted in May of 1987 in Mexico and quickly became a top star ... Beat Jushin Liger to win IWGP title in 1996 ... Has feuded intensely with Chris Jericho ... Debuted in WCW on August 10 against Rey Mysterio Jr. and has had several chances to win the WCW cruiserweight title ... Managed by Sonny Ono in WCW.

**42 CHRIS JERICHO** (5'10", 225, 5, NL) One of the most talented wrestlers to join ECW this year ... Surprised many by defeating Pit Bull II for the ECW TV title ... Has wrestled in SMW and Japan's WAR and FMW ... A graduate of Stu Hart's Dungeon ... An excellent technical wrestler who never had to rely on brawling in ECW ... He started wrestling in WCW.

**43 MARC MERO** (6', 235, 6, 57) The former Johnny B. Badd in WCW is now the "Wildman" in the WWF ... Two-time former WCW TV champion ... Has extensive boxing experience and sometimes uses a wicked punch as his finisher ... Sable is his valet ... Is struggling his way up the WWF's rankings.



Kanemoto has the "Wright" moves

**44 TOMMY DREAMER** (6'3", 245, 7, 45) Don't let his good looks fool you—he's definitely hardcore ... Easily the most popular man among the ladies in ECW ... Once had both Kimona Wana-Laya and Beulah McGillicutty serving as his valets at the same time ... Involved in a long-running feud with childhood friend Raven that now involves most of their friends ... His love of extreme violence may be what's preventing him from getting his chance in the WWF or WCW.

**45 MANKIND** (6'4", 277, 13, 31) This manic star has hardly calmed down since making the move from ECW to the WWF ... Likes to attack opponents—and anyone else, for that matter—with a mandible clawhold ... In other words, if you don't hold your tongue, he'll do it for you ... Lost most of his ear during a match with Big Van Vader in 1994 ... Lost part of his mind in ECW last year and started expressing his hatred for everyone in wrestling during long interviews ... Has beaten The Undertaker twice on pay-per-views this year and is now managed by Paul Bearer.

**46 TAZ** (5'11", 248, 9, 53) The master of the suplex is now in cahoots with referee-turned-annoying-manager Bill Alfonso ... Started a feud with UFC competitor Paul Varelans ... Has great technical background ... Extremely serious and extremely dangerous ... Has held the ECW tag team belts with Sabu, a man he now hates ... Former IWCCW lightweight champ and ECW TV champ.

**47 DAN SEVERN** (6'1", 270, 5, 35) Current NWA champion ... A former amateur sensation who won more than 40 titles before turning pro ... Frequently competes in Midwest independents, including Motor City Wrestling ... Has defended his belt in Japan and Malaysia ... Still competes in the UFC.

**48 KOJI KANEMOTO** (5'10", 205, 6, 40) Became popular in both Japan and Mexico as the third Tiger Mask, but was finally unmasked in 1994 ... Two-time former IWGP junior heavyweight champion ... Had intense feuds with Jushin Liger, Akira Nogami, and Sabu over the belt ... Great acrobatic wrestler, but he was recently sidelined with a leg injury.

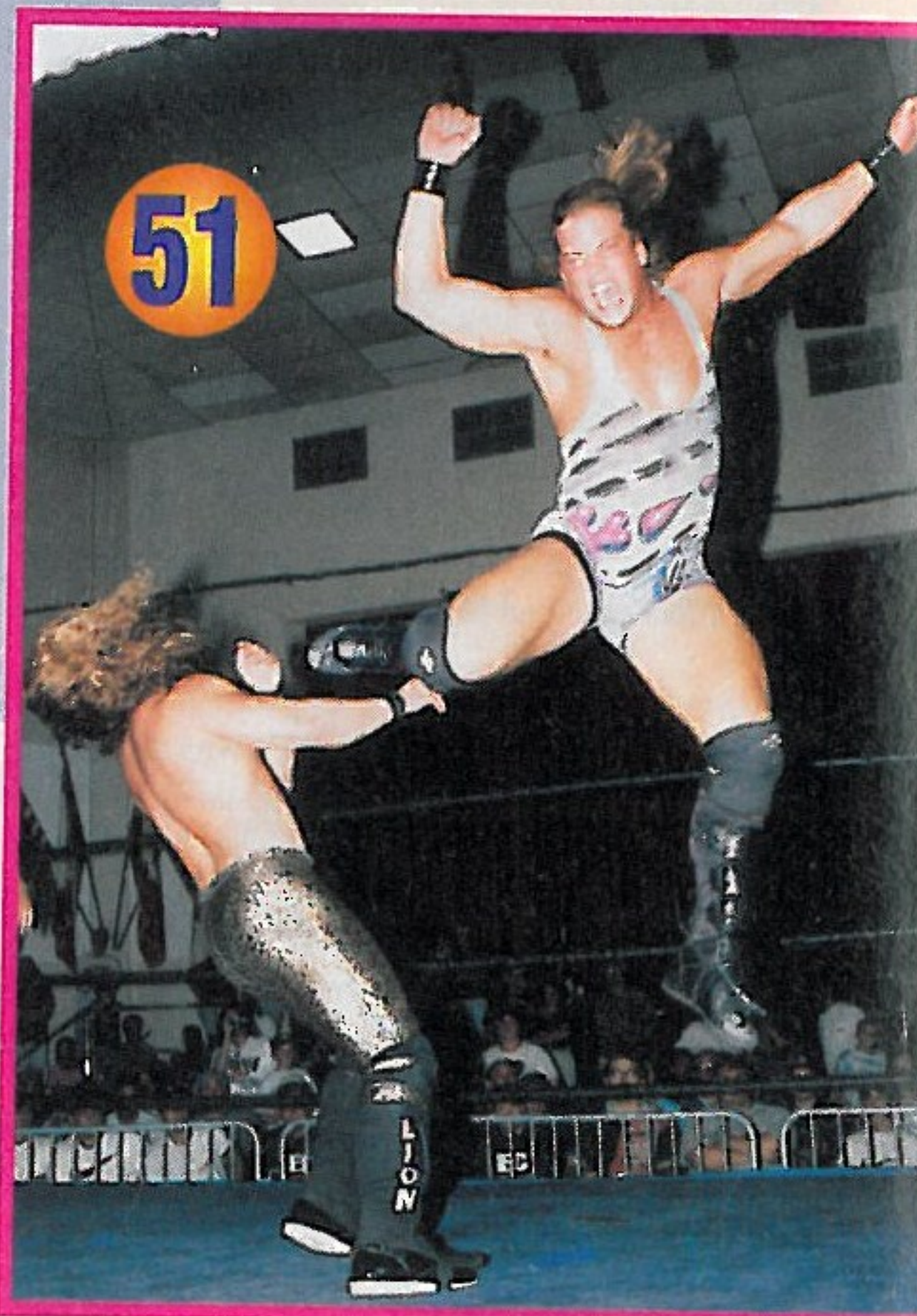
**49 SAVIO VEGA** (5'11", 250, 12, 63) This Puerto Rico native is currently feuding with Justin "Hawk" Bradshaw ... Has slipped a bit recently after having a fine first half of '96 ... Almost won the WWF Intercontinental title from Goldust, but was stifled by Marlena's interference ... Hasn't fared well in a series of no-disqualification matches with "Stone-Cold" Steve Austin.

**50 YOKOZUNA** (6'4", 568, 11, 32) Feeling great after losing 33 pounds during the summer ... Says weight loss has increased speed and agility, but it doesn't really show ... Told Jim Cornette to buzz off and was attacked by Vader for it ... Big, squishy Samoan seemed to enjoy a stint as a fan favorite, but he rejoined Camp Cornette in August ... Former WWF World tag team and World heavyweight champ.

**51 ROB VAN DAM** (6', 227, 6, 199) Former IWF TV champion is now competing in ECW ... Has wrestled in Midwest independents and still makes frequent trips to Japan ... Has engaged in a violent feud with Sabu in ECW, refusing to show him respect ... Bill Alfonso occasionally advises him ... Possesses an excellent split-legged moonsault ... Kickboxes as a hobby ... Learned karate moves from watching television as a child ... Briefly competed in WCW a few years ago.

**52 ANTONIO INOKI** (6'4", 240, 35, 16) This Japanese legend was once elected to the Japanese Parliament ... Veteran has slowed down schedule in recent years, but holds several decisive victories over some of the top wrestlers in the world today, including Ric Flair, Sting, and Big Van Vader ... His trademark move, the abdominal stretch, is still respected and feared ... Competed against Muhammad Ali in a boxer vs. wrestler match in 1976.

**53 MABEL** (6'10", 503, 4, 49) This former WWF King of the Ring left the WWF early in '96 for the USWA, the other land of "Kings" ... Spent most of the year wrestling singles, with partner Mo serving mostly as his second ... Won the USWA Southern title, but lost it to another "King," Jerry Lawler ... Invaded Puerto Rico's WWC, where he quickly disposed of Universal champ Carlos Colon to win the belt.



Van Dam is darn good

**54 "DIAMOND" DALLAS PAGE** (6'5", 260, 5, 111) This former manager has become a very good wrestler, but that didn't stop him from falling on hard times ... First, he (well, actually Kimberly) won a few million dollars gambling ... Then he lost the WCW TV title ... Then he lost Kimberly ... Then he lost the money ... Then lost a loser-must-retire match ... But his luck changed when, after being reinstated in WCW, he won the Lord of the Ring at Slamboree and gained a wealthy benefactor ... May need some luck to keep momentum going.

**55 FAAROOQ** (6'2", 260, 10, 121) The former Ron Simmons is Sunny's latest find in the WWF ... Has already made his mark by attacking Ahmed Johnson and rupturing his kidney with some kicks to the back ... Former WCW World champion ... Has competed in ECW and Japan, as well as a few Southern independents during the last year ... Former pro football player.





Regal can be a royal pain

**56 LORD STEVEN REGAL** (6'4", 247, 12, 36) This uppity Brit has formed an alliance with former commoners Bobby Eaton and David Taylor ... Former WCW TV champion says he's ready to make another run at that belt ... Well-schooled in technical wrestling and has great ring presence ... Suffered broken nose in a tough bout with The Belfast Bruiser at Uncensored '96 ... Competed all over the world, including in Europe and in Japan, before joining WCW.

**57 AKIRA TAUE** (6'5", 265, 8, 153) Won the All-Japan Triple Crown championship this year by defeating Mitsuharu Misawa ... Also won his third All-Japan tag team title with Toshiaki Kawada this year ... Played baseball in high school ... Was a sumo wrestler before joining All-Japan.

**58 PERRO AGUAYO** (5'10", 215, 27, 187) One of Mexico's most popular veterans ... Native of Zacatecas, Mexico ... Has held numerous titles in several promotions, including AAA, EMLL, and UWA ... Feuded with Mascara Ano Dos Mil ... Great brawler.

**59 MASA CHONO** (5'11", 235, 13, 95) Possibly the most hated wrestler in Japan ... The master of the STF, a hold he learned from his trainer, Lou Thesz ... Current IWGP tag team champ with Hiroyoshi Tenzan ... Former NWA champion ... Represented New Japan last year in WCW's one-night "World Cup Of Wrestling" tournament at Starrcade.

**60 JUVENTUD GUERRERA** (5'5", 165, 4, 188) This high-flying Mexican star recently showcased his smooth style in the dangerous rings of ECW ... Has a great blend of scientific skills and spectacular high-risk maneuvers ... Has held several lightweight titles in Mexico ... Already one of the best pound-for-pound wrestlers in the world ... Feuded with Rey Misterio Jr. in AAA, Japan, and ECW.

**61 HIROYOSHI TENZAN** (6'1", 265, 6, NL) Current IWGP tag team champion with Masa Chono ... At age 23, was the youngest competitor to ever get a shot at the IWGP heavyweight title ... Lost to Randy Savage at Starrcade '95 ... One of the top heavyweights in Japan.



A fierce chop ... Tenzan-style

**63 EL HIJO DEL SANTO** (5'6", 170, 13, 115) This great scientific veteran competes regularly in AAA ... Has held several titles in Mexico ... Has wrestled all over the world, including Japan and the United States ... Appeared in several movies ... Is a great counter-wrestler who'll find a way to reverse almost any hold put on him.

**64 BRIAN CHRISTOPHER** (5'10", 230, 8, 58) This big fish has been leaving the USWA pond on occasion, testing the waters in other independents like the NWA ... Tough and cunning young veteran ... Seems like he is always either defending or wrestling for the USWA Southern belt ... "Too Sexy" needs to make the jump to a major federation soon.

**65 THE SANDMAN** (6'3", 244, 7, 60) Former ECW champion ... Currently entangled in a feud with Raven ... Distracted over ex-wife Lori "Peaches" Fullington and son Tyler being in Raven's camp ... Managed by Peaches, Woman, and Missy Hyatt at different times during his ECW career ... Has a bad habit of smoking and drinking during matches ... Obsessed with his Singapore cane ... Has feuded with Terry Funk, Tommy Dreamer, Mikey Whipwreck, Cactus Jack, and Shane Douglas, just to name a few ... One of ECW's most popular wrestlers.

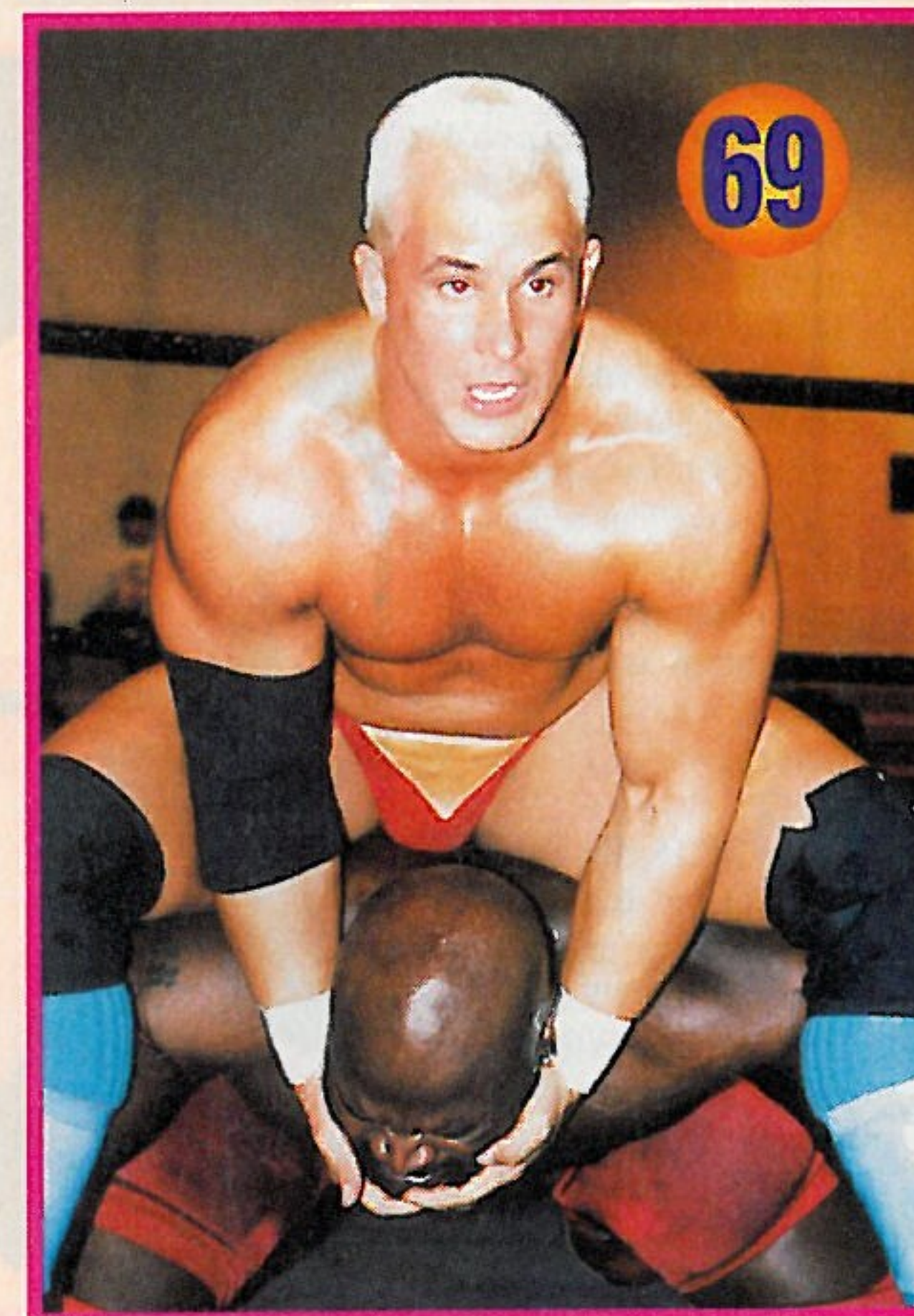
**66 STAN HANSEN** (6'3", 322, 22, 69) The big man from Borger, Texas, is still quite active in Japan ... Respected the world over ... Rarely competes in the United States anymore ... Will always be remembered as the man who broke Bruno Sammartino's neck ... Finisher of choice is still the "Lariat" ... Former AWA World champion ... Has held several titles in Japan.

**67 STEVIE RAY** (6'1", 244, 7, 119) One-half of Harlem Heat with brother Booker T ... Currently in the midst of their fifth WCW World tag team title reign ... Managed by Sister Sherri and Col. Rob Parker ... Had some success as a singles wrestler in Texas before he and his brother joined WCW ... A master of the savate kick.

**68 STEVE WILLIAMS** (6'1", 265, 12, 48) Wrestles almost exclusively in Japan these days, but did recently return to the U.S. to team with Tommy Dreamer in ECW ... "Dr. Death" is renowned for incredible strength and courage ... One-time University of Oklahoma football star.

**69 SKIP** (5'8", 226, 6, 42) WWF career started strong, but he slumped after losing a series of bouts to Barry Horowitz ... Formed World tag team title-winning team with Tom "Zip" Prichard, but they lost the belts to the Godwins and soon thereafter lost Sunny to The Smokin' Gunns ... Suffered a neck injury in August and may be out several months ... Could be better off in long run without Sunny.

**70 KENSUKE SASAKI** (5'10", 270, 10, 44) New Japan star once held the IWGP tag team title with Hawk ... Former WCW U.S. champion ... Among the strongest Japanese wrestlers ... Likes to use a power attack on his opponents ... Has a wide arsenal of suplexes and a devastating clothesline.



Skip stays on top of Ahmed

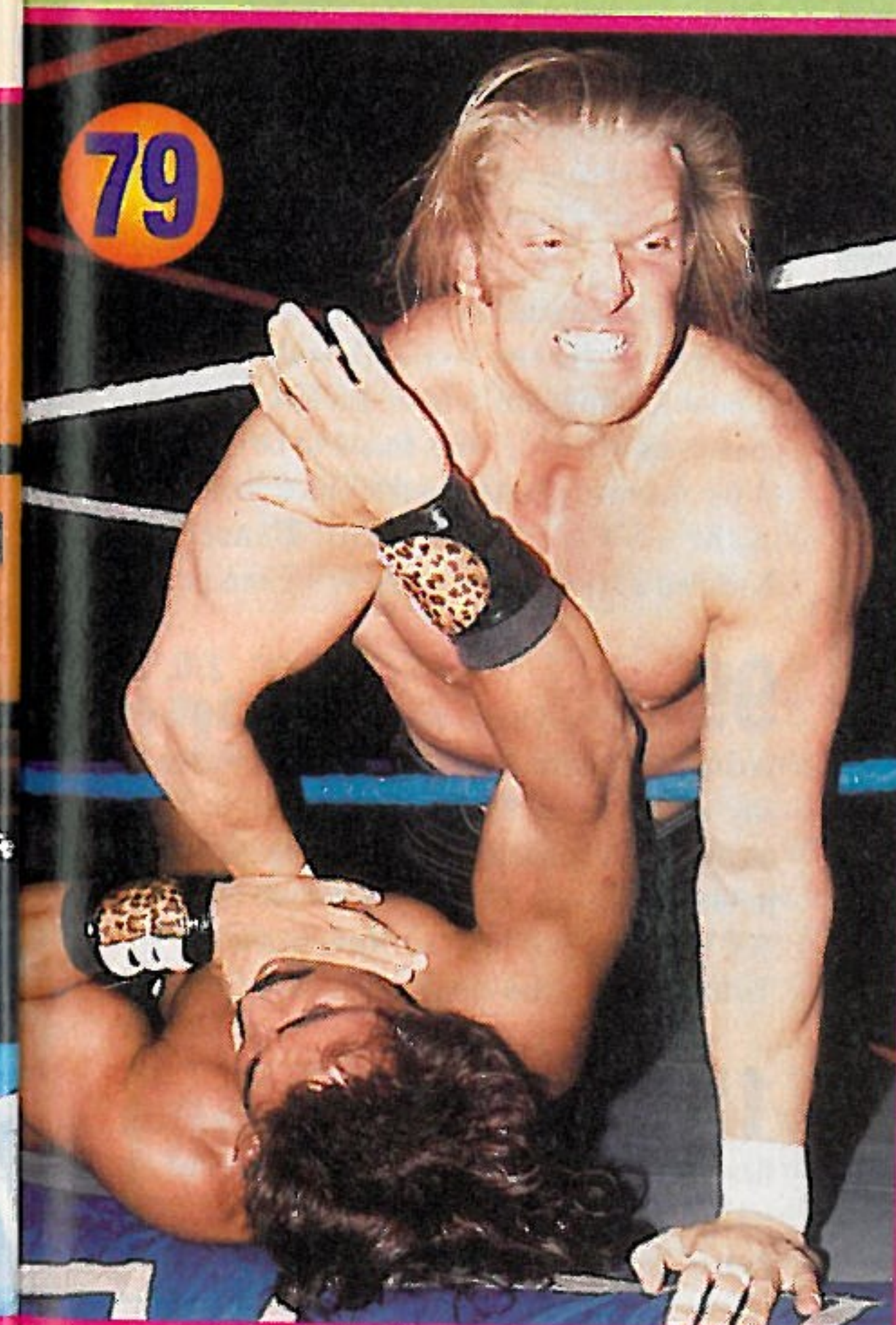
**71 BAM BAM BIGELOW** (6'3", 368, 11, 30) Left WWF for the independent circuit last year and has been wrestling all over the United States ... One of the few wrestlers to be featured in *Sports Illustrated*, but will probably be better remembered for losing to Lawrence Taylor at WrestleMania XI ... Participated in the inaugural World Wrestling Peace Festival in Los Angeles ... Briefly feuded with Taz in ECW.

**72 TONY ANTHONY** (6'1", 230, 19, 37) The original "Dirty White Boy" ... Currently competing in the WWF as toilet-fixing T.L. Hopper and in Tennessee independents as Tony Anthony ... An excellent plumber ... Strong brawler in the ring ... Has competed in USWA, now-defunct CWA, and now-defunct SMW, just to name a few promotions ... Married to "Dirty White Girl" Kimberly.

**73 LA PARKA** (6'1", 235, 9, 120) Known as "The Man Of A Thousand Bones" ... AAA star also competed in ECW this year ... Feuded with Jerry Estrada in Mexico ... Former Mexican light heavyweight champion ... Another spectacular high-flyer from south of the border.

**74 DOUG GILBERT** (6'2", 241, 10, 73) Currently allied with fan favorite Brian Christopher in his war with former partner Tommy Rich in the USWA ... Has held the USWA Southern and tag team belts ... Also frequently competes in Japan ... Style is similar to that of his late brother, Eddie, who was a terrific brawler.

**75 EL SAMURAI** (5'10", 200, 10, NL) Great Japanese veteran ... Defeated Jushin Liger for the IWGP junior heavyweight title in 1992 ... Held the belt for five months before losing it to Ultimo Dragon.



Helmsley in a breathtaking performance

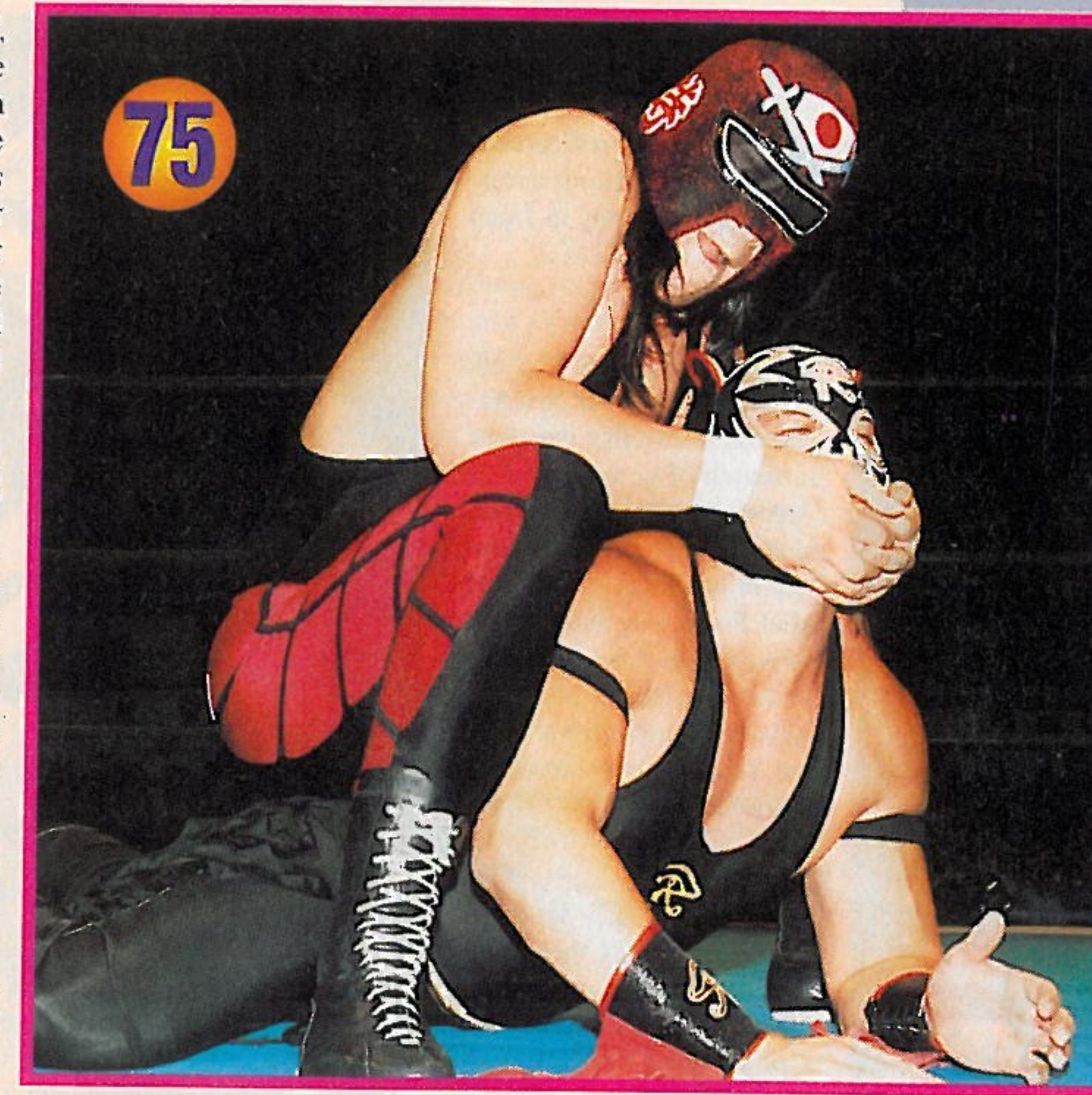
**76 TATSUMI FUJINAMI** (6', 213, 26, 156) This Japanese legend is also a four-time IWGP heavyweight champion ... A master of submission holds, including a devastating Scorpion deathlock ... Almost defeated Ric Flair for the WCW World title in 1991 ... A New Japan Pro Wrestling mainstay.

**77 PIT BULL II** (6'2", 231, 6, 139) Classic brawler ... Until recently, a regular teammate of Pit Bull I ... Extremely powerful ... Defeated Shane Douglas for the ECW TV title, then lost it to Chris Jericho ... Currently entangled in a heated feud with Douglas ... Shows no mercy to opponents.

**78 NEGRO CASAS** (5'7", 180, 17, 127) One of the top veteran Mexican stars ... His style has been copied by many young Mexican stars ... Had head shaved by El Hijo Del Santo ... A second-generation superstar.

**79 HUNTER HEARST HELMSLEY** (6'5", 279, 5, 84) This Greenwich, Connecticut, native is still snobbing it up in the WWF ... Not faring well in feud with Marc Mero ... Trained by Killer Kowalski ... First made an impact in wrestling as Jean-Paul Leveque in WCW ... Finisher is called the "Pedigree."

**80 PIT BULL I** (6'3", 243, 6, 142) Had one of his vertebrae broken by Shane Douglas this summer and has been advised by doctors to retire ... Combines savagery with good technical knowledge ... Powerslam is one of the most devastating in the sport ... He and Pit Bull II once held the ECW tag team belts ... Together, they have a devastating super bomb (a top-rope power bomb).

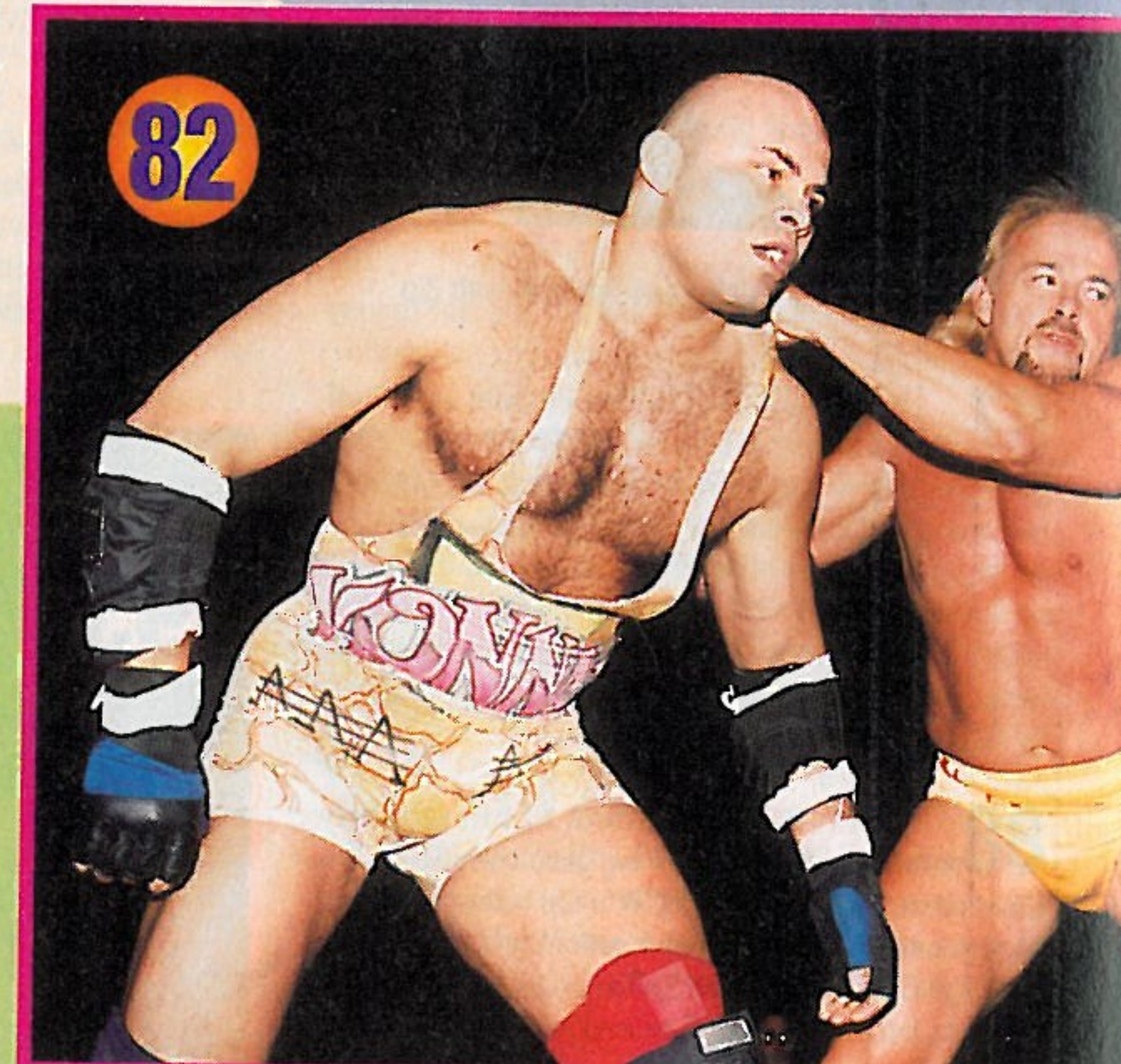


Samurai places pressure on Black Tiger's back

**81 PERRY SATURN** (5'10", 234, 7, NL) One-half of The Eliminators with John Kronus ... Very strong for a man his size, and also very agile ... Involved in a long feud with The Gangstas ... Former ECW tag champ ... An awesome aerial wrestler ... Calculating and focused.

**82 KEVIN SULLIVAN** (5'10", 252, 25, 237) The demented leader of the Dungeon of Doom in WCW ... Concentrated on his own wrestling career as much as his managerial career this year ... Also frequently competes in the Massachusetts-based Century Wrestling Alliance, where he is heavyweight champ ... The man who brought The Giant to WCW ... Now aligned with Jimmy Hart.

**83 TRACEY SMOTHERS** (6'1", 227, 14, 28) One of the best all-around wrestlers from the South ... Was near the top of the Smoky Mountain Wrestling ratings when the promotion folded ... Wrestled in various Southern independents until going to the WWF as Freddie Joe Floyd ... Nice guy, but quick-tempered ... When angry, he becomes quite bloodthirsty.



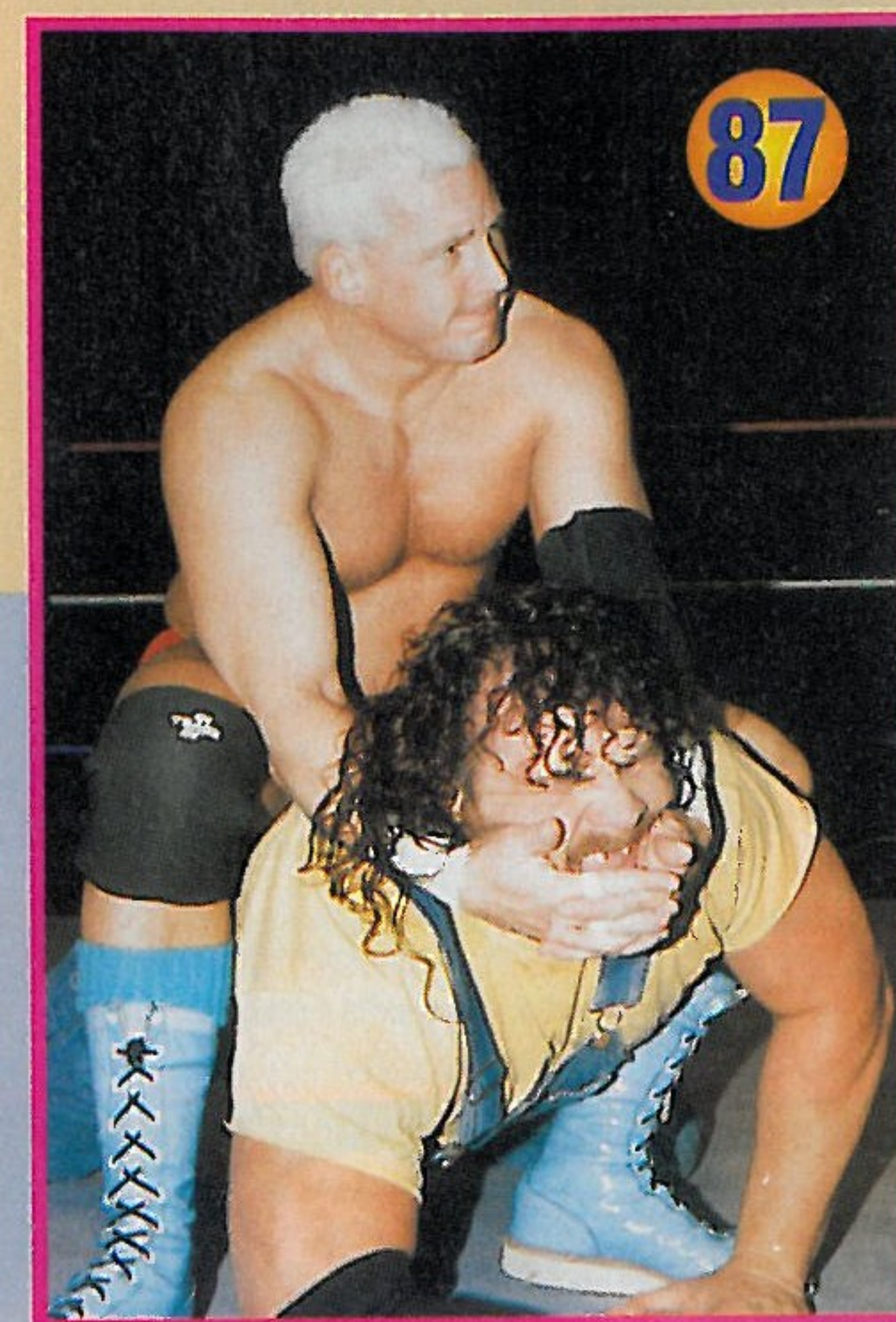
Sullivan's managing to wrestle more

**84 BRIAN LEE** (6'2", 251, 7, 100) Now one of Raven's disciples in ECW ... Has vowed to end Tommy Dreamer's career ... Almost so did by choke-slammng him off of a balcony and through three tables at the ECW Arena ... A former USWA Southern champ, SMW heavyweight champ, and SMW tag champ with Chris "Skip" Candido ... The first man ever to be managed by Tammy "Sunny" Fytch.

**85 GIANT BABA** (7', 315, 35, 248) Legendary veteran of All-Japan Pro Wrestling ... Also played professional baseball in Japan ... Held the NWA World title three times ... Famous for his judo chops and "big foot" ... Doesn't wrestle as regularly as he used to, but is still very effective when he does.



**86BOOKER T** (5'11", 250, 6, 89) He and brother Stevie Ray comprise Harlem Heat, the current WCW World tag team champions ... Have held the WCW belts a total of six times ... In the middle of a weird romantic triangle between Col. Rob Parker and Sherri Martel, both of whom manage the Heat ... Still feuding with Rick and Scott Steiner.



Sunny's departure left Skip with Zip

**87ZIP** (5'10", 220, 18, 83) Tom Prichard zipped off all of his hair to become Skip's partner ... The Bodydonnas won the WWF tag team titles, but soon lost both manager Sunny and the belts ... A tag team specialist, he has been part of several great combos during his career, most notably The Heavenly Bodies ... Houston native has had much success in Tennessee promotions, including the USWA and SMW ... Formerly managed by Jim Cornette.

**88JOHN KRONUS** (6'4", 310, 7, NL) He and Perry Saturn are former ECW tag team champs ... The Eliminators are still one of ECW's top teams ... Strong background in gymnastics and martial arts ... Feuding with The Gangstas and The Samoan Gangsta Party ... A bit crazy, but an excellent all-around wrestler.

**89RIKI CHOSHU** (6', 246, 22, 184) Represented South Korea in the 1972 Olympics ... Excellent amateur background has helped him become one of the top stars in New Japan over the years ... Held the IWGP title three times and the UWA title once.

**90LEIF CASSIDY** (6'1", 233, 14, 56) Wrestled most of his career as Al Snow and won many regional titles ... Currently a member of the New Rockers with Marty Jannetty ... Has been unsuccessful in recent matches against former Rocker Shawn Michaels ... Naturally goofy ... Seems more intent on wrestling tag teams than singles these days.

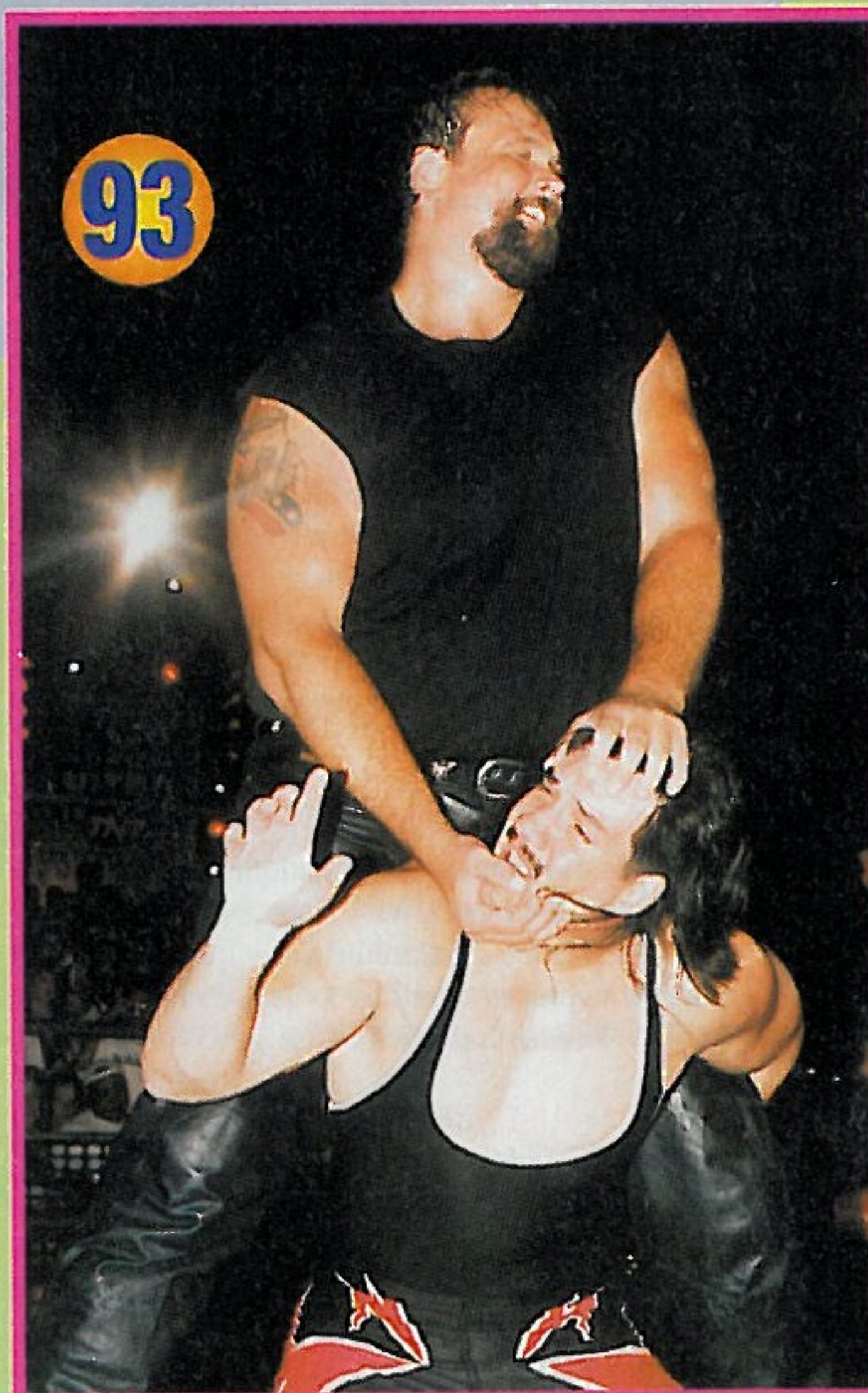
**91HAWK** (6'3", 277, 13, 25) Reunited with Road Warrior Animal and returned to WCW for another crack at the World tag team belts ... He and Animal feuded with the Steiners for several months, but the Warriors left WCW before either team got a

decisive edge ... They were on opposite sides in the "Lethal Lottery" portion of Battlebowl at Slamboree, but never wrestled each other ... Future in America is uncertain; he will probably stay in Japan for a while.

**92ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER** (6'1", 360, 38, 71) Still competes on a regular basis, traveling the globe in search of new victims ... Arguably the most dangerous, bloodthirsty wrestler in the history of wrestling ... The "Bad Man From The Sudan" was severely burned on his torso in a horrific fireball attack by Abbudah Singh several years ago, but he still went on to win the match.

**93BUBBA ROGERS** (6'6", 310, 11, 82) Spent the whole year using this name, which must be some sort of record for him ... Now caught in a strange feud with John "Don't Call Me Shark" Tenta ... Cut off half of Tenta's hair and beard and attacked him with a loaded sock this summer ... Now advised by both Jimmy Hart and Kevin Sullivan ... Former UWF champion and bodyguard for Jim Cornette.

**94JERRY ESTRADA** (5'10", 220, 19, 210) Still probably the greatest rulebreaker in Mexico ... Despite his penchant for using underhanded tactics, he is well-respected ... Former Mexican light heavyweight champ ... Skills haven't diminished much over the years.



Bubba's still turning heads



Nothing funny about Richards in the ring

**95TOMMY RICH** (6', 248, 19, 161) "Wildfire" recently returned to the USWA, where he is feuding with Doug Gilbert ... Was a mainstay in Smoky Mountain until it folded late in '94 ... Also competes in several other Tennessee independents ... Still known for having the shortest NWA World title reign in history (four days in 1980).

**96JUN AKIYAMA** (5'11", 225, 4, 190) Is one of Japan's fastest-rising stars ... A superb amateur wrestler, he was an alternate freestyle wrestler for the 1992 Japanese Olympic team ... Style allowed for a quick adaption to the pro game, though he did get some help from trainer Kenta Kobashi.

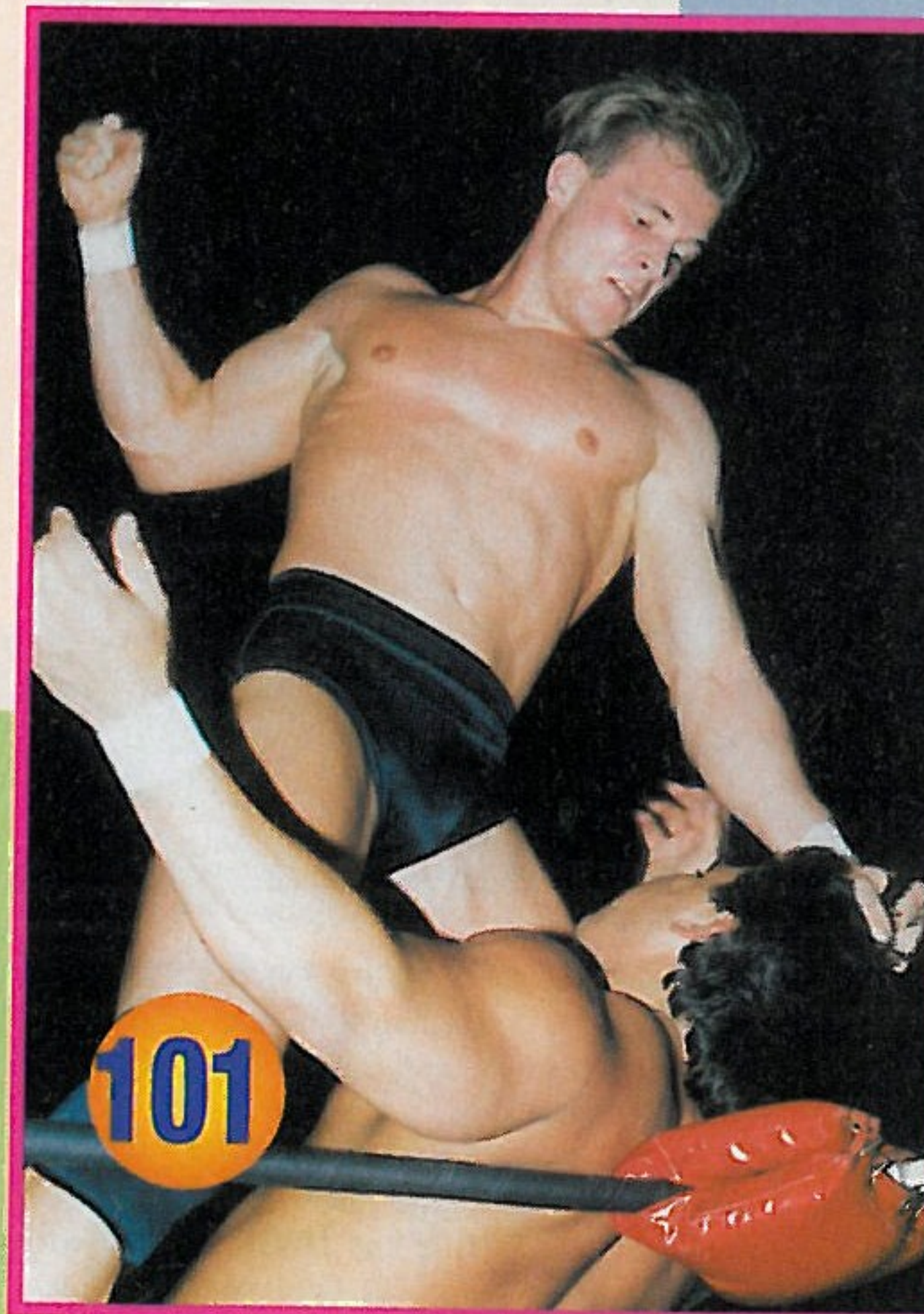
**97STEVIE RICHARDS** (6'2", 225, 4, 163) The self-proclaimed "King Of Swing" is ECW champion Raven's main lackey ... Claims Missy Hyatt sexually harassed him ... Is absolutely hilarious when he pairs with The Blue Meanie and does impressions of other wrestlers ... A good fundamental wrestler with a devastating superkick ... Star on the rise.

**98JAMIE DUNDEE** (5'8", 195, 5, 168) Has competed in the USWA for much of his career ... He and Wolfie D, with whom he is now feuding, are former USWA tag team champions as PG-13 ... Was found to be one-half of the notorious masked team The Cyberpunks in the USWA ... Son of Bill Dundee ... Wrestled a few matches in the WWF this year.

**99SGT. CRAIG PITTMAN** (6'2", 270, 2, NL) Don't mess with this tough Marine, because he knows how to inflict pain. Just ask any victim of his "Code Red" armbar ... Won many amateur championships during his tenure in the Marines ... Trained for his pro career at WCW's Power Plant ... Now managed by Teddy Long ... Has struggled in recent months.

**100SCOTT NORTON** (6'3", 360, 7, 86) Entered WCW earlier this year, but has yet to really make a big impact ... Feuding with former tag team partner Ice Train ... Far better known and more respected in Japan, where he has competed for much of his career ... A two-time IWGP tag team champion ... Minnesota native is a former arm-wrestling champ.

**101ALEX WRIGHT** (6'3", 220, 2, 54) After winning PWI's Rookie of the Year honors for 1995, the German sensation slumped in his sophomore year ... Aerial attack is superb, but doesn't take as many wrestlers by surprise ... Future still should be tremendous ... Father is former wrestler Stephen Wright.



Wright's battling sophomore jinx

**102GARY ALBRIGHT** (6'4", 350, 8, 74) Had a tremendous amateur career ... Since turning pro, has done quite well for himself in Japan ... One of the only men to ever defeat Nobuhiko Takada.

**103WOLFIE D** (6'1", 250, 5, 175) Formerly one-half of PG-13, Wolfie is now feuding with former partner Jamie Dundee and Jamie's father, Bill ... Held USWA tag team belts with Jamie on several occasions ... Now concentrating primarily on singles wrestling in USWA and North American All-Star Wrestling.

**104CARLOS COLON** (5'10", 246, 31, 177) The perennial Mr. Popularity of Puerto Rico is still going strong in his native island's WWC promotion ... Was beaten earlier this year by Mabel for his coveted Universal title, but quickly regained it ... Bloody feud with Abdullah the Butcher may never end.

**105JESSE JAMES ARMSTRONG** (6'4", 240, 5, 140) Was the first-ever USWA TV titleholder ... Finally got a chance to show up former WWF boss Jeff Jarrett in a series of matches in USWA, and succeeded several times ... The youngest of the Armstrong family ... Lost a loser-leaves-the-USWA match to Jarrett and took off for a tour of the CWA in Austria.

**106HENRY GODWINN** (6'6", 285, 7, 133) Currently teaming with cousin Phineas ... The two of them held the WWF World tag title for a week this spring before losing it to The Smokin' Gunns ... Entered the WWF as a rulebreaker ... "Slop drop" has been an effective finisher ... Has gradually improved over the year.

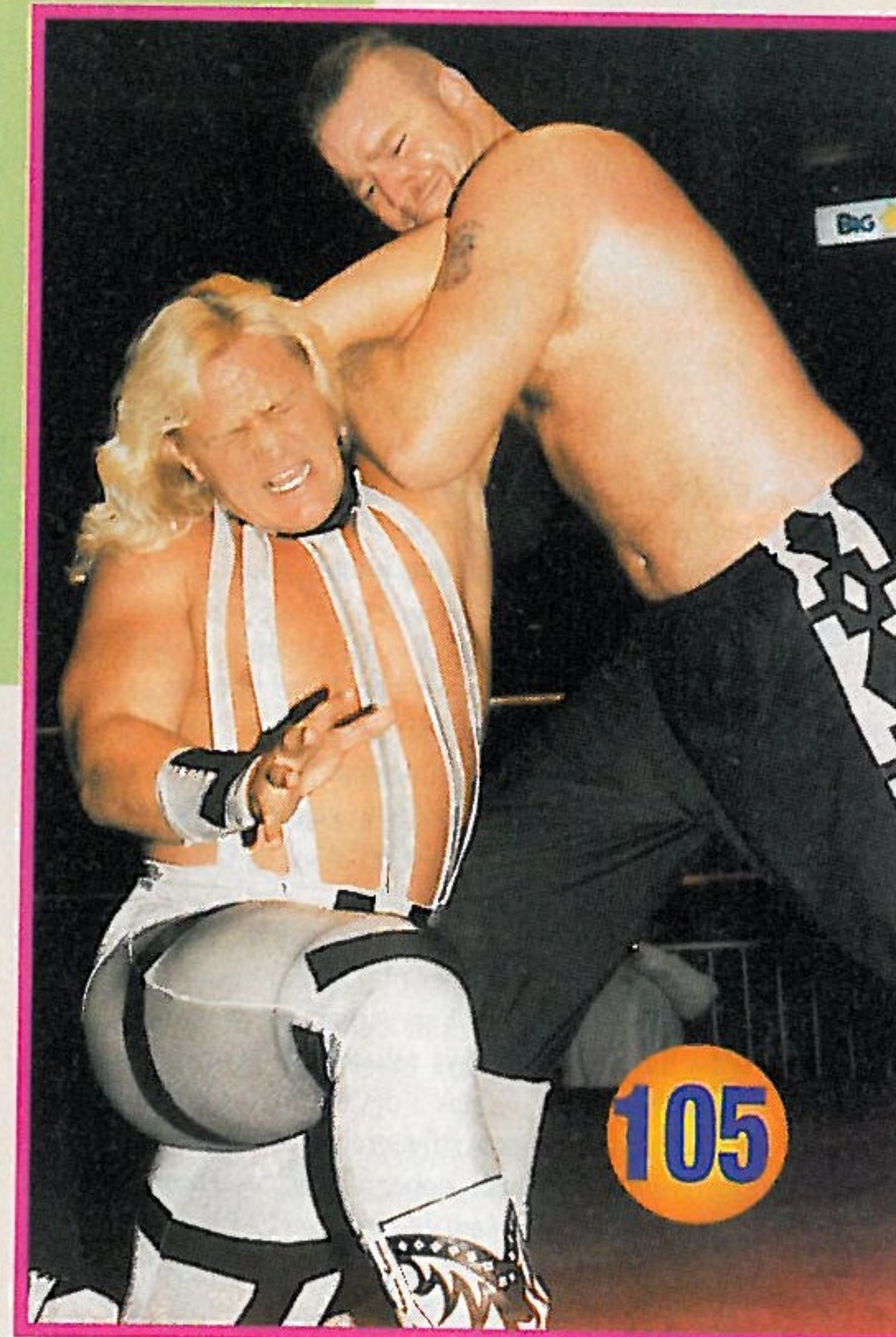
**107MASCARA ANO DOS MIL** (5'10", 228, 15, 148) Wrestles for PROMELL in Mexico ... Currently stuck in a violent feud with Vampiro Canadiense ... Holds IWC belt, which he won from Perro Aguayo.

**108FATU** (6'2", 260, 11, 98) Former Samoan Swat Team member tried to make a difference as an anti-drug crusader in the WWF ... Was sending a great message to the kids, but he wasn't able to do as much for himself in the ring ... Did reasonably well in the independents during the summer ... Former WWF World tag champ has good technical and aerial skills.

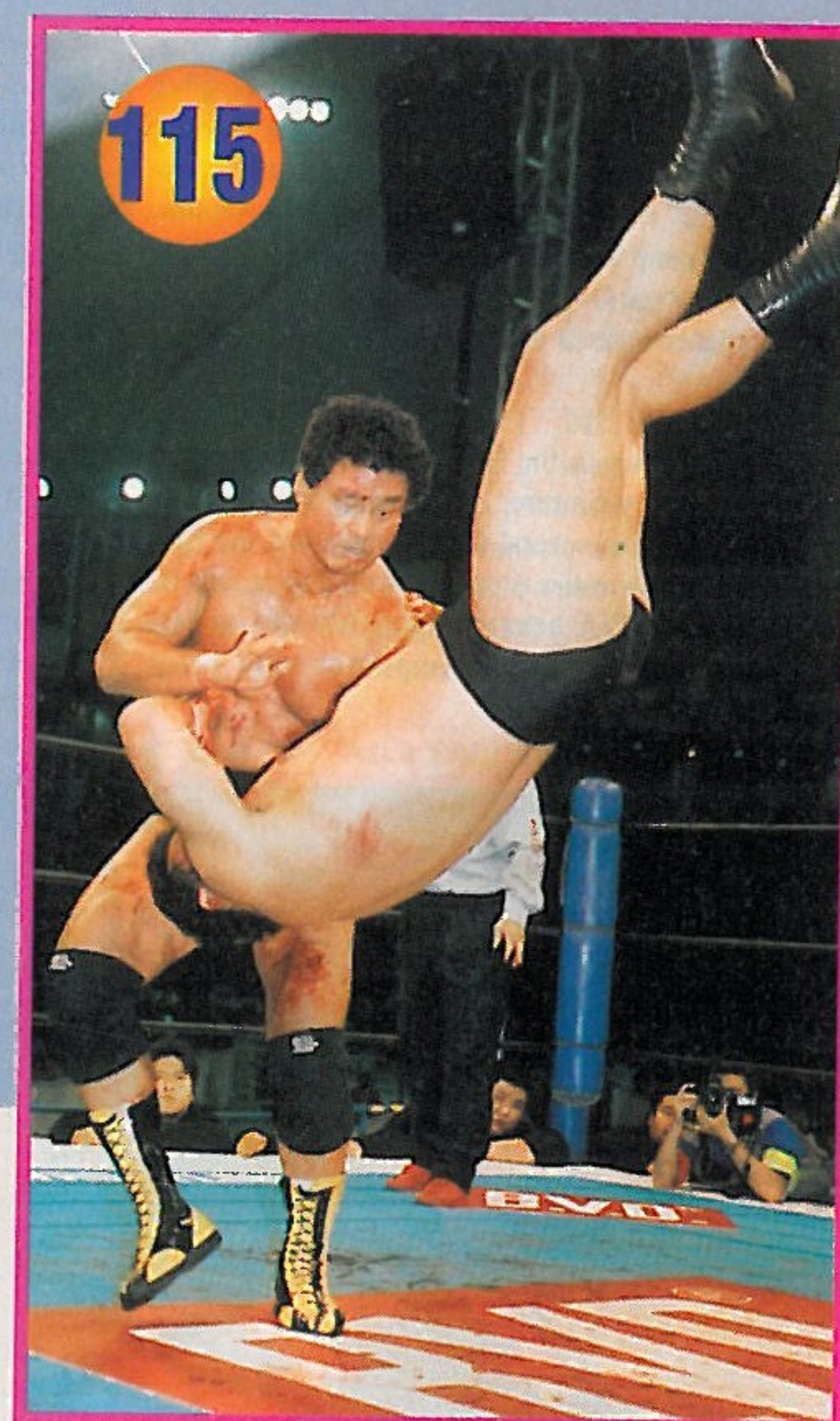
**109AKIRA NOGAMI** (5'9", 216, 9, 209) Realized a childhood dream by becoming a pro wrestler ... Native of Japan has wrestled in Europe ... Won the IWGP junior heavyweight title from Jushin Liger in 1991 ... Now feuding with former tag team partner Takayuki Iizuka.

**110THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR** (6'4", 280, 8, 423) Has once again disappeared after the WWF suspended him for failing to appear at scheduled engagements ... Former WWF World and Intercontinental champion is one of the most popular men in wrestling history ... Wrestled well in matches against Goldust, Big Van Vader, and Jerry Lawler this year... Only the Warrior knows if he'll return again.

**111TAKAYUKI IIZUKA** (6'2", 230, 10, 193) Wrestled Akira Nogami in his first match, later



Armstrong punishes former boss Jarrett



What Tenryu starts, gravity finishes

teamed with him, but has recently started feuding with him ... Traveled to the former Soviet Union to learn sambo wrestling ... Very fast ... Although he's a good wrestler, has gotten lost in talent-rich New Japan.

**112JUNJI HIRATA** (6', 262, 19, NL) He and Shinya Hashimoto held the IWGP tag team belts for most of the year ... Not as charismatic as some of his fellow New Japan wrestlers, but is very effective in the ring ... Has impressive aerial skills.

**113KOJI KITAO** (6'6", 375, 6, NL) Former sumo wrestler was trained by Lou Thesz ... Considered one of the strongest Japanese wrestlers ... Hasn't made the transition from sumo to pro wrestling as well as most expected him to.

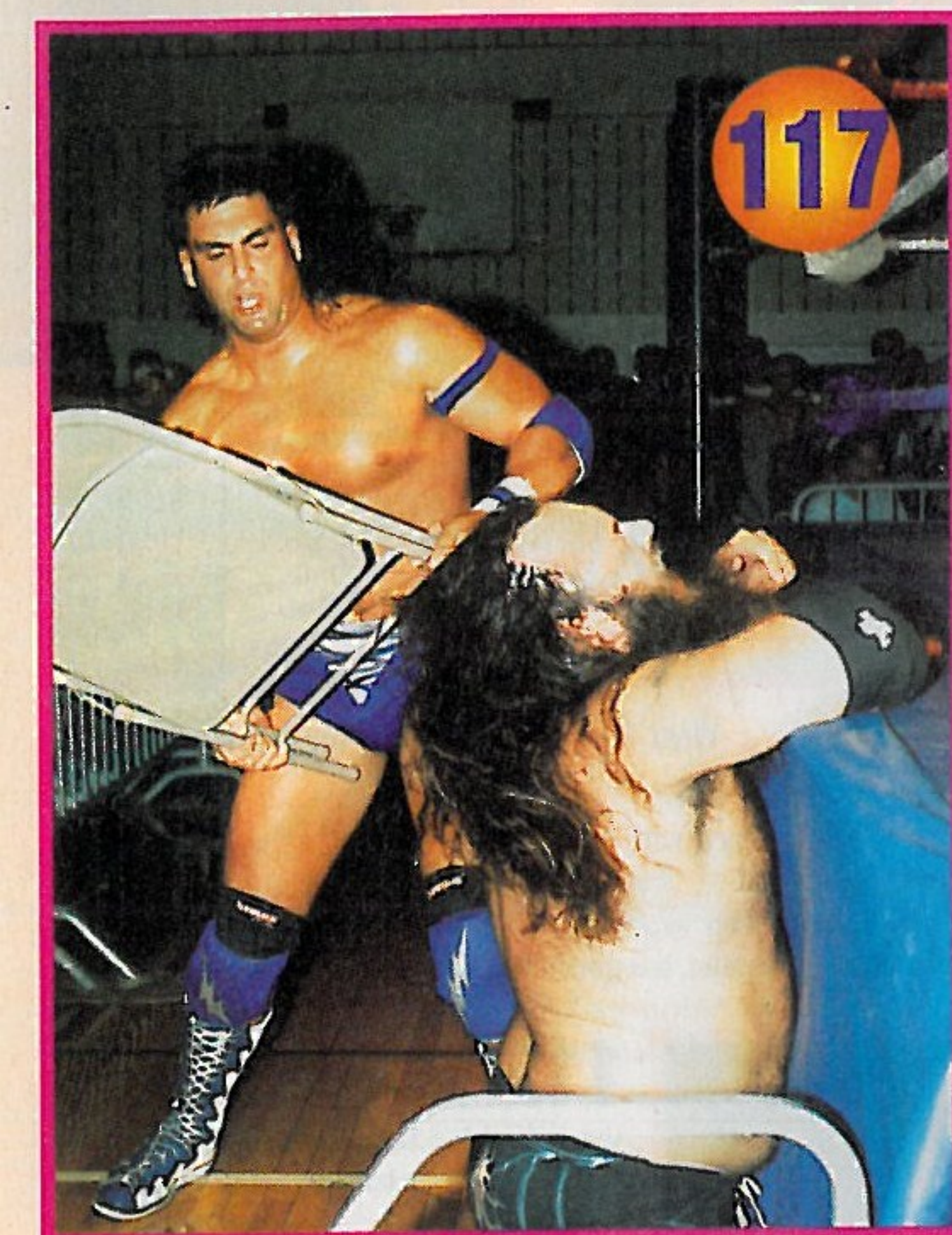
**114BRIAN KNOBS** (6'1", 295, 9, 96) Still competing in WCW with Jerry Sags as The Nasty Boys ... Entangled in a feud with Public Enemy ... Held the WWF and WCW tag team titles ... Competed in the AWA and Japan ... A tough streetfighter ... He and Sags have hinted that they are impressed by what Hulk Hogan and the NWO have done in WCW.

**115GENICHIRO TENRYU** (6'1", 235, 20, 128) This brutal competitor is also a former sumo wrestler ... Became one of the biggest stars in Japan during the mid-1980s ... Has held the All-Japan Triple Crown championship several times.



**116 DISCO INFERNO** (6', 238, 5, NL) This Brooklyn, New York, native started shaking his booty in the independent federations in Georgia ... Held several regional titles and claims to be a world-class disco dancer ... His style is a blend of classic scientific moves, high-flying moves, and brawling ... Favorite finisher is the "Boogie Oogie Oogie," though he hasn't gotten much chance to use it in WCW.

**117 JOHNNY GUNN** (6'3", 255, 11, 135) Currently competing in the WWF as the arrogant and conceited Salvatore Sincere, and in many independents ... Has held titles in several federations along the East Coast ... Veteran wrestler is popular with female fans ... Recently lost IPWA heavyweight title to Cueball Carmichael ... Tenacious competitor with great physique.



Johnny Gunn is sincere about his actions

**118 WING KANEMURA** (5'9", 200, 5, NL) Has held several titles in Japan ... Is most noted for competing in brutal speciality matches, like barbed-wire, exploding death matches ... Very good mat wrestler.

**119 ROCCO ROCK** (6'2", 251, 18, 90) Along with Johnny Grunge, is known as Public Enemy ... Left ECW for the relatively sane WCW ... Former ECW tag team champ ... He and Grunge had many bloody battles with The Gangstas in ECW ... Now involved in brutal battles with The Nasty Boys.

**120 EARL ROBERT EATON** (6', 233, 20, 66) This Alabama native-turned-Blue Blood has struggled over the last few years ... A superlative tag team wrestler ... Top-roped legdrop, his signature move, is still effective ... Held several tag team titles as a member of The Midnight Express, including the NWA World tag team title ... Also a former WCW TV champ.

**121 JERRY SAGS** (6'3", 290, 10, 104) Has held WCW and WWF world tag team titles with fellow Nasty Boy Brian Knobbs ... According to one *PWI* story, he'd be the ideal WWF champion (based on average height and weight of all WWF champs) ... Has decent solo skills ... Currently feuding with Public Enemy ... Destined to remain a tag team wrestler.

**122 MARTY JANNETTY** (5'11", 230, 12, 107) Reformed The Rockers and now teams with Leif Cassidy ... Has held the WWF Intercontinental and World tag team titles ... Good technical wrestler ... Challenged former partner Shawn Michaels to a match this summer and ended up losing ... Sometimes seems more bent on destroying Shawn Michaels than wrestling with partner Leif.

**123 JOHNNY GRUNGE** (6'3", 263, 9, 94) He and Public Enemy partner Rocco Rock haven't fared particularly well since jumping from ECW to WCW ... Claims he and Rock have what it takes to beat Harlem Heat for the World tag title ... Street smart ... Gave great interviews while in ECW.

**124 MARCUS BAGWELL** (6'1", 240, 6, 97) Four-time WCW World tag team champion ... Has held the WCW tag team title with 2 Cold Scorpio, The Patriot, and Scotty Riggs ... A good singles competitor, but better in tag teams ... Seems to have difficulty keeping tag team partners for a long time ... Look for Bagwell and Riggs to have a hard time regaining the WCW title in a tag team division that's very deep.

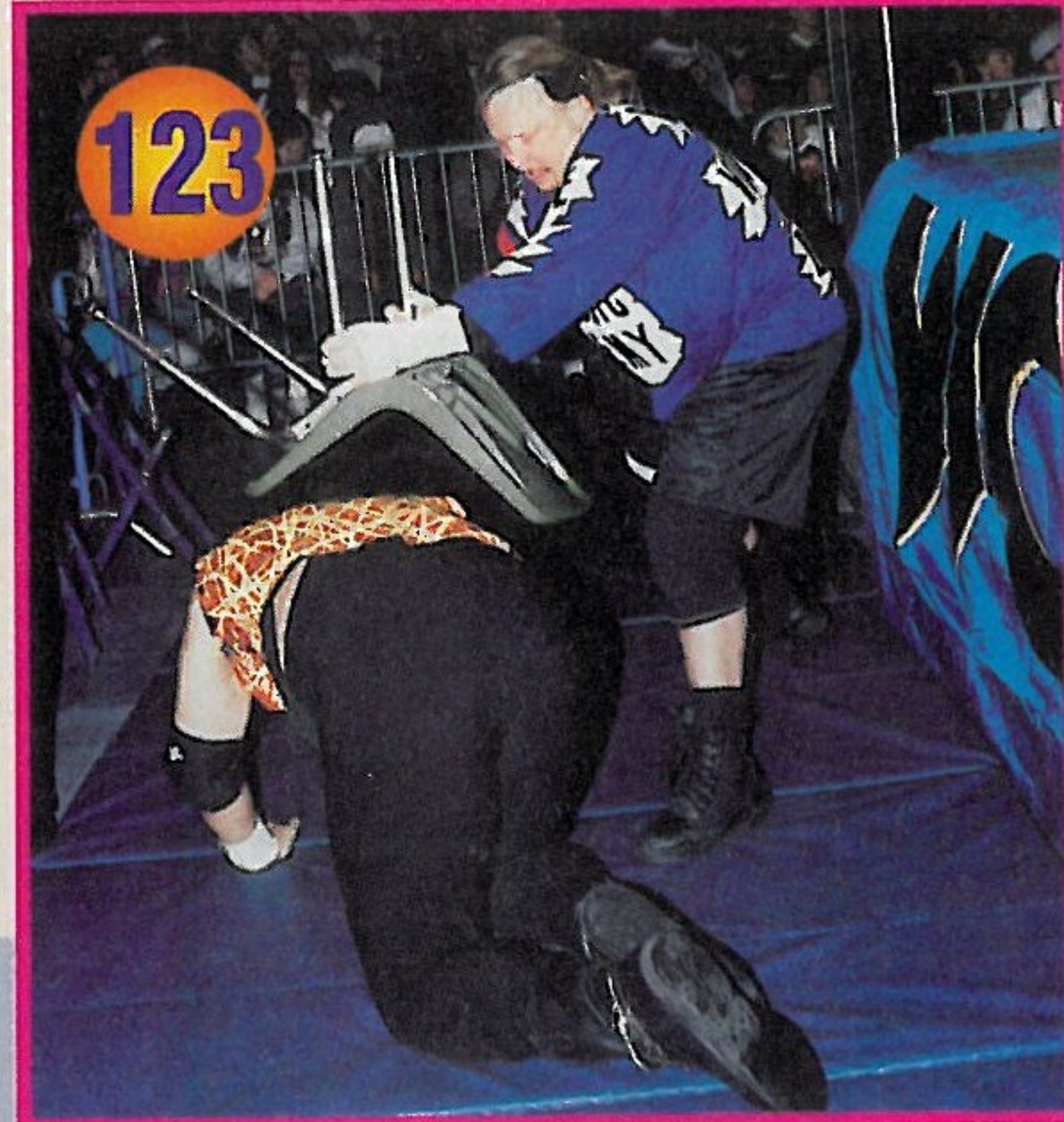
**125 RICKY SANTANA** (5'10", 235, 14, 236) Currently splitting his time between WWC in Puerto Rico and WCW, where he wrestles as one of the Barrio Brothers ... Currently a fan favorite in WWC, but has been known to break the rules ... Also has extensive experience in Japan.

**126 RICK MORTON** (5'11", 228, 18, 135) An aerial wrestler who has lost very little of his flying ability ... He and Robert Gibson make up The Rock 'n' Roll Express, one of the most popular tag teams in history ... The Rock 'n' Rolls are currently wrestling part-time in WCW ... Wrestles in numerous Southern independents.

**127 DAVID TAYLOR** (6'3", 285, 3, NL) The newest of The Blue Bloods ... Probably too cocky for his own good ... Had a falling-out with Eaton in August ... A good fundamental wrestler, but needs to gain more experience to be truly effective in WCW.

**128 THE BARBARIAN** (6'5", 295, 16, 233) Former member of The Powers of Pain with The Warlord ... Very strong, tough wrestler who has almost always relied on a manager to guide his career ... Has a devastating foot to the face finisher ... Speaks fluent Spanish ... An avid weightlifter, he once appeared on *Lee Haney's Championship Workout* TV show on ESPN.

**129 NEW JACK** (6', 225, 4, 126) One-half of the ECW's most popular tag team, The Gangstas, with Mustafa Saed ... Feuding with The Samoan Gangsta Party and The Eliminators



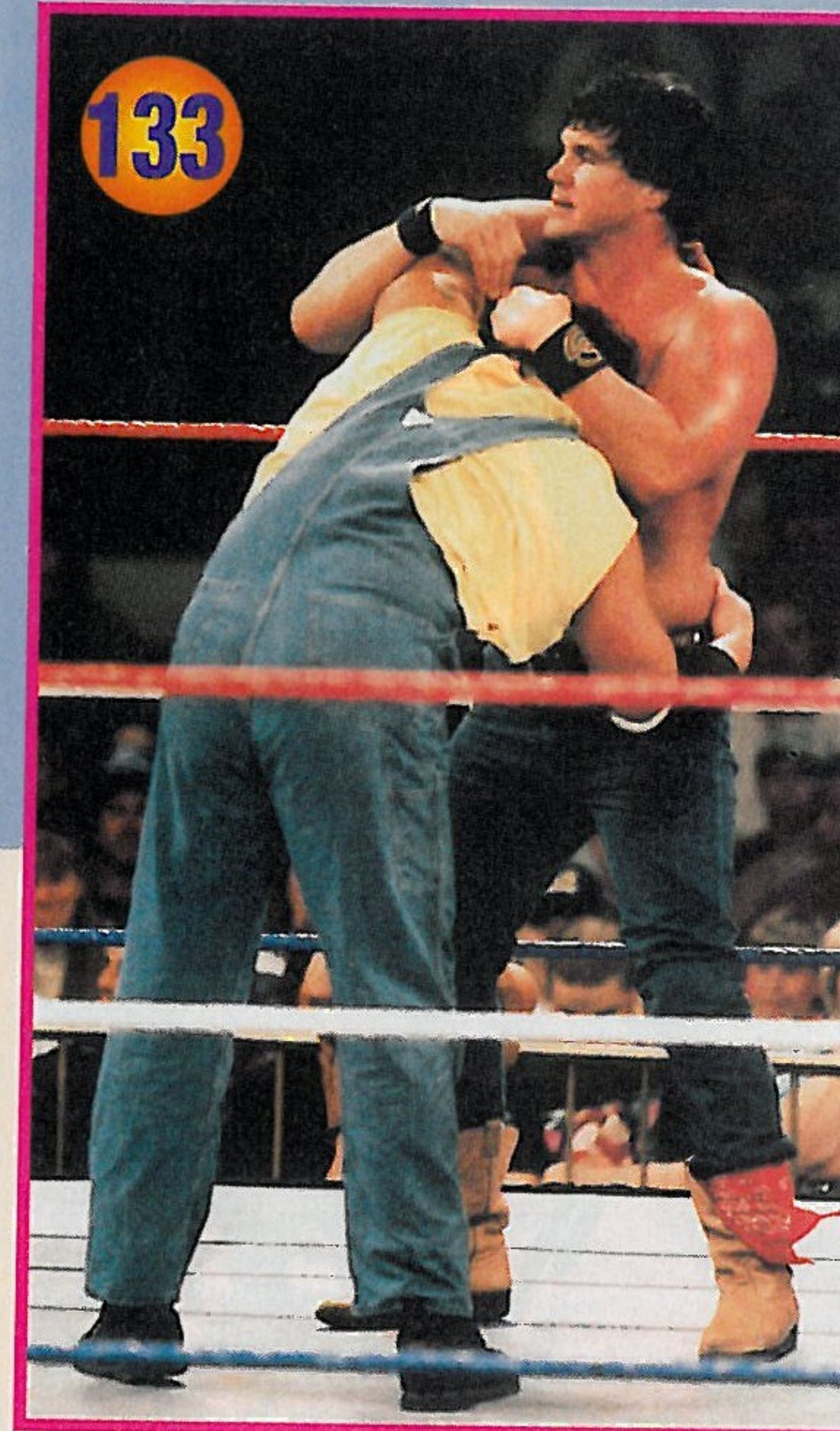
Grunge does a nasty thing with a chair

... Still has a deep hatred for Jim Cornette, with whom he feuded in SMW ... Had some classic matches against Public Enemy ... Also a capable singles wrestler.

**130 HIROSHI HASE** (6'1", 233, 10, NL) Won All-Japan amateur title twice ... Has won IWGP junior heavyweight title and IWGP tag title with Kensuke Sasaki and also The Great Muta ... Now a member of the Japanese senate.



New Jack is ready for war in ECW



Bart Gunn's glad Billy's back

**131 TERRY GORDY** (6'4", 289, 16, 165) "Bamm Bamm" has wrestled all over the world ... One-third of the original Freebirds ... Currently wrestling regularly in ECW, where his helping Tommy Dreamer in his feud with Raven and Brian Lee ... Held the WCW World tag team title with Steve Williams ... Very powerful ... Loved by Japanese fans ... Surprisingly agile for his size.

**132 AXL ROTTEN** (6'2", 302, 8, 166) Since ceasing his feud with brother Ian, this British bad boy has toured Japan and U.S. independents ... Bloodthirsty Brit has been involved in some of the most brutal matches ever seen in ECW ... While wrestling for Big Japan, he was involved in a match where balloons filled with thumbtacks were suspended above ring and exploded, showering the wrestlers underneath.

**133 BART GUNN** (6'3", 256, 4, 195) One-half of The Smokin' Gunns ... He and brother Billy regained the WWF World tag team straps by beating Henry and Phineas Godwinn this year ... Managed by Sunny, but that may only be because he and Billy have the belts ... A tag team specialist, he did poorly in singles when brother Billy was sidelined.

**134 SCOTTY RIGGS** (6', 220, 4, NL) One-half of the popular American Males team in WCW ... Before entering WCW, wrestled in several independent promotions, including the USWA, where he was known as Scott Studd ... Combines surprising strength with high-flying moves.

**135 BOB HOLLY** (6'1", 231, 3, 76) Lost a lot of speed this year in the WWF ... "Spark Plugg" was injured in an auto racing accident and missed a few weeks ... Has had difficulty with some of the WWF's new talent, including Justin Bradshaw ... Needs to spend more time in the ring and less time at the race track if he wants to get the checkered flag in wrestling.

**136 JOHN TENTA** (6'4", 502, 7, 99) Formerly known as Earthquake, Avalanche, and Shark ... Was kicked out of the Dungeon of Doom and is now feuding with Big Bubba ... Had half of his head shaved by Bubba, whom he beat in a forgettable "Carson City Silver Dollar" match at Bash at the Beach ... Former sumo wrestler.

**137 RON HARRIS** (6'4", 260, 8, 146) He and twin brother Don have returned to the WWF as The Grimm Twins ... As The Bruise Brothers, they competed in ECW, WCW, the USWA, and SMW ... Briefly feuded with The Gangstas and The Eliminators in ECW earlier this year ... Managed by Zebakiah during first stint in the WWF ... As strong as he looks ... Not a man you want to meet in a dark alley.

**138 PHINEAS GODWINN** (6'1", 246, 6, NL) This country boy is currently teaming with cousin Henry ... Managed by Hillbilly Jim ... Has held the WWF tag team title ... Has little technical wrestling skill ... Developed a crush on Sunny after she flashed him during matches and in the dressing room ... Briefly managed by Sunny, but she was just out to humiliate him ... Has since moved on, but he should keep his mind more on matches than on Sunny's assets.

**139 RICK MARTEL** (6', 236, 24, 93) This French-Canadian is still the "Model" of arrogance ... Currently competes in independent promotions throughout North America ... Won the AWA World title in 1984 from Jumbo Tsuruta and lost it 19 months later to Stan Hansen ... Started his professional career at age 16.

**140 MENG** (6', 294, 19, 92) Formerly managed by Col. Rob Parker ... Often teams with The Barbarian ... Martial arts expert ... Doesn't speak too often, and would rather let his actions get his point across ... Nearly beat Sting for the WCW U.S. title several times last year ... Formerly known as Haku.

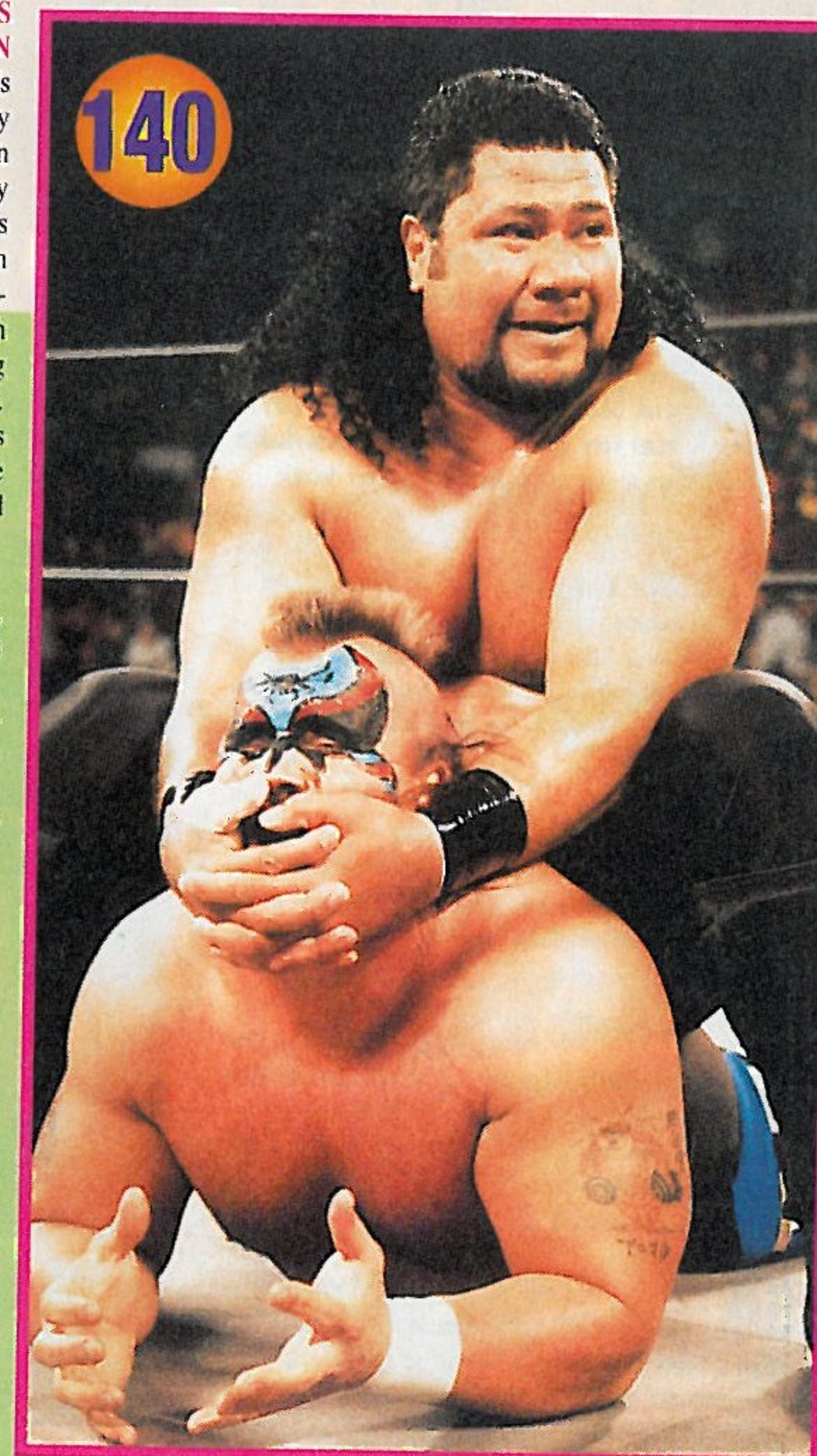
**141 KURASAWA** (6'1", 250, NA, 145) Japanese wrestler formerly managed by Col. Rob Parker in WCW ... Made headlines by breaking Hawk's arm at the Clash of the Champions XXXI, but hasn't done much in WCW since ... Has extensive experience in his home country.

**142 TATANKA** (6'1", 250, 6, 41) This nasty Native American sold his soul to Ted DiBiase in search of a championship in the WWF in '94 ... He never won one, and he now is on the warpath in Eastern independents ... Assisted The Samoan Gangsta Party and Primo Carnera III in a vicious attack on Ahmed Johnson on an NEW card this summer ... Seems more content in smaller promotions.

**143 TERRY FUNK** (6'1", 247, 31, 70) This 52-year-old is a legend in Japan ... A brawler with underrated scientific skills ... A member of the legendary Funk family ... Has had incredible matches against Sabu and Cactus Jack ... Involved in a near-riot in ECW in '95 when his shirt caught fire after Cactus Jack hit him with a flaming chair ... Wrestles only occasionally now.

**144 MUSTAFA SAED** (6'1", 244, 5, 136) One-half of the controversial Gangstas, currently the ECW tag champs and the promotion's most popular team ... Now feuding The Eliminators and Samoan Gangsta Party ... Had an ultraviolent feud with Public Enemy in '95 ... This streetfighter shows no mercy to opponents.

**145 DOUG FURNAS** (5'11", 243, 10, 116) Recently debuted in ECW, but is no stranger to top-level competition ... Former powerlifter had a world record lift in 1987 ... Joined All-Japan in 1988 ... Multi-time winner of the Asian tag team title with Dan Kroffat ... His "Frankensteiner" is a thing of beauty.



Meng's actions speak louder than words





Duggan still has his power

**146 MIKEY WHIPWRECK** (5'7", 181, 4, 197) This young ECW competitor has done his best to get to the top of ECW ... Has held every belt in ECW ... Lost ECW title to Sandman last year in a triangle match that included Steve Austin ... Has beat the odds by surviving (so far) in ECW ... Needs either very good health insurance or a change of scenery if he plans to stay in this sport for another decade.

**147 HACKSAW DUGGAN** (6'3", 280, 14, 113) Glens Falls, New York, native is still holding his own in WCW ... Has slipped since losing his WCW U.S. title ... Claims to come from a family of taped-fist fighters ... Although he often cheats by illegally taping his fists during matches, he is still cheered by fans ... Definitely lost in the WCW shuffle.

**148 BART SAWYER** (6', 222, 6, 471) Back in USWA, teaming with Flex Kavana ... He and Flex won the USWA tag belts in a tournament final in June, but they have been bickering a lot lately ... Has also competed in the Pacific Northwest independents ... Hopes to wrestle in the WWF someday.

**149 BUBBA RAY DUDLEY** (6'2", 325, 2, NL) One of many Dudley brothers ... A fan favorite who teams with some of his half-brothers ... Loves to dance, especially when the crowd eggs him on ... Along with the other Dudleys, he is feuding with half-brother D-Von ... Interviews are interesting, to say the least.

**150 JUSTIN BRADSHAW** (6'7", 309, 4, 327) Has been compared to Stan Hansen ... Managed by Zebakiah ... Has a devastating "lariat" clothesline ... Held GWF tag team title with Bobby Duncum Jr. ... Currently feuding with Savio Vega and Freddie Joe Floyd ... Likes to brand opponents after matches ... WWF newcomer hails from Roscoe, Texas.

**151 DAN KROFFAT** (5'11", 235, 14, 112) This Canadian competitor came to wrestling via a kickboxing career ... Incorporates many of his kickboxing moves into his wrestling matches ... Wrestles in All-Japan, where he has held several belts, including the Pacific Wrestling Federation title ... Has held Asian tag straps with Doug Furnas several times ... Favorite finisher is the "Tiger Driver."

**152 JOHNNY SMITH** (6', 235, 14, 150) One of the top competitors in All-Japan ... Has extensive experience in Calgary promotions ... Former North American champion ... Made his ECW debut this summer.

**153 JOHNNY ACE** (6'3", 250, 10, 108) This U.S.-born All-Japan competitor shocked fans recently by turning against long-time partner The Patriot ... Has formed successful teams in the past with fellow Americans Stan Hansen and Steve Williams ... Favorite finisher is the "Ace Crusher," a move in which he rams an opponent's head into the mat.

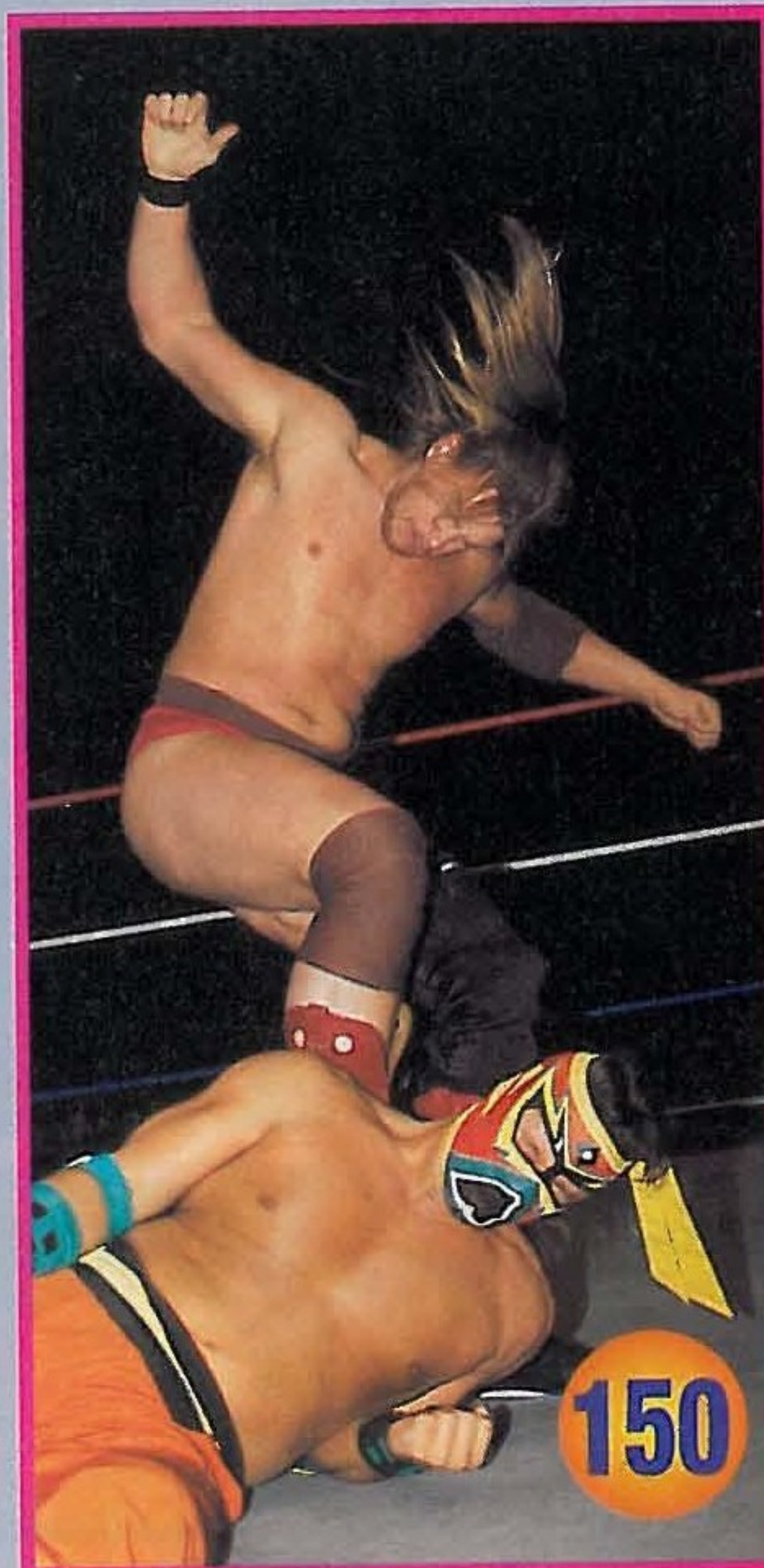
**154 KOKO B. WARE** (5'9", 229, 16, 212) Former WWF star now competes regularly in several North American independents, including the USWA, AWF, and NWC ... Had an unremarkable stint in USWA in early-1996, but he has done better since returning there ... Fans still enjoy dancing with him as he makes his way to the ring ... Had some success as tag team partner of Owen Hart in the WWF.

**155 ALDO MONTOKA** (6', 225, 4, 125) Youngster has yet to rise above mid-card status in the WWF, but there's hope ... Maybe his savior will be Jake "The Snake" Roberts, who is now serving as his mentor, and has even taught him the deadly DDT ... Has gotten involved in Roberts' feud with Jerry Lawler, but not by choice, and it may not be a good idea for him.

**156 HUGH MORRIS** (5'10", 230, 6, 122) Has crashed upon the WCW scene as a laughing member of the Dungeon of Doom ... Isn't doing well in WCW so far ... Competes frequently in Century Wrestling Alliance ... Likes to take matches outside the ring ... Former PCW heavyweight champion.



Armstrong can do it on the mat, too



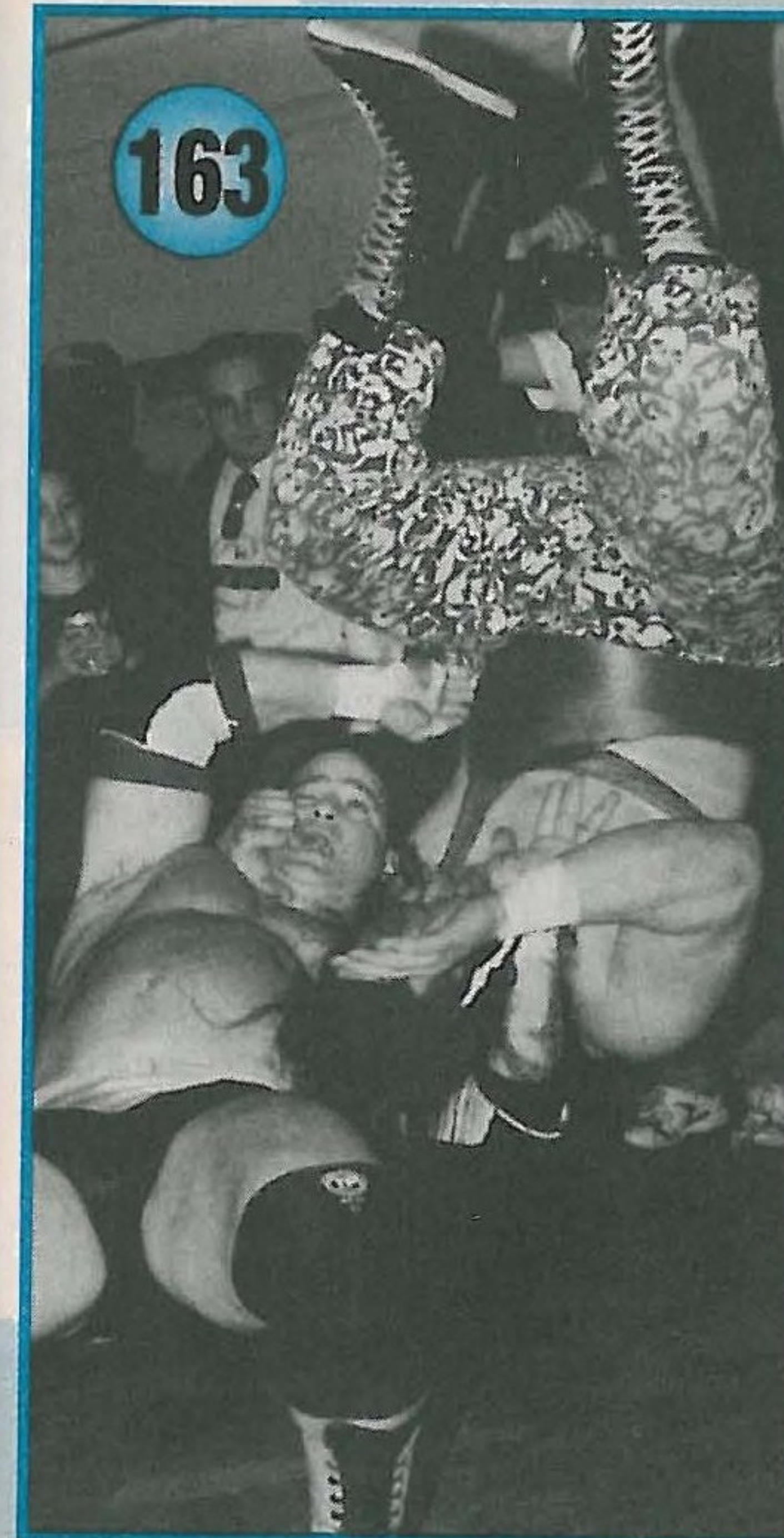
"Justin" time to shine in the WWF

**157 ISAAC YANKEM** (6'7", 345, 2, 103) This demented dentist was bought into the WWF by Jerry Lawler ... Did not fare well in matches against The Undertaker or Bret Hart ... Currently competing in several independents in the Northeast ... Held the SMW tag team title with Al Snow ... Needs more experience to compete successfully in a major promotion.

**158 ADAM BOMB** (6'6", 292, 5, 47) A former WWF mid-carder ... Has had much success in Europe ... Also competed in Smoky Mountain ... Formerly managed by Harvey Wippleman in the WWF ... Has a devastating slingshot flying clothesline.

**159 EL BRONCO** (5'11", 235, 10, 243) This masked Dominican wrestles exclusively in Puerto Rico ... Two-time former WWC tag team champion with Invader I ... Still a hated nemesis of Carlos Colon.

**160 BRAD ARMSTRONG** (6', 226, 15, 238) Since Smoky Mountain's demise, the eldest Armstrong brother has been competing in WCW and several independents around the Mid-South region ... Was last to hold the WCW's light heavyweight belt before the title was abandoned ... A solid all-around wrestler.



Cairo turns Derrick Domino's world upside down

**161 JAKE ROBERTS** (6'5", 246, 20, NL) "The Snake" has returned to the WWF since overcoming his problems with drugs and alcohol ... A born-again Christian ... Lost to Steve Austin in the finals of this year's King of the Ring tournament ... Earlier in the night, he had his ribs injured by Vader ... Has wrestled in WCW, World Class, and many Southern independents.

**162 THE BOOTY MAN** (6'4", 273, 12, 75) The Barber, The Butcher, The Man With No Name, Zodiac—what name will Brutus Beefcake come up with next? ... His career has turned for the better since he became a fan favorite again ... Former WWWA heavyweight champion ... Former WWF tag champ with Greg Valentine ... Dubiously known as Hogan's original lackey, but was stomped down by Hogan and the New World Order at Hog Wild.

**163 TOMMY CAIRO** (6'3", 257, 5, 152) Current NWA North American champion ... Won the title by pinning Devon Storm in the finals of a tournament ... Has competed in several East Coast independents ... "Ironman" feuded with Tommy Dreamer and The Sandman in ECW before moving on to the NWA ... A top contender to Dan Severn's NWA heavyweight title.

**164 DON HARRIS** (6'5", 257, 12, 159) Formerly a Bruise Brother with twin brother Ron, he is now back in the WWF ... Has a good deal of ECW experience and limited experience in WCW ... He and brother Ron Harris had several matches with The Gangstas in ECW this year ... Style reminds some of Bruiser Brody.

**165 KING KONG BUNNY** (6'4", 446, 20, 147) Briefly a member of the Million-Dollar Corporation in the WWF in '95 ... Has returned to the independent circuit ... A top contender to the North East Wrestling title ... Weight limits his mobility, but he is still very intimidating.

**166 STEVE ARMSTRONG** (6'2", 224, 13, 106) Great technical wrestler from the old school ... Would rather show off wrestling skills than brawl ... Former Smoky Mountain heavyweight champion is now teaming with brothers Brad and Scott in WCW and Southern independents.

**167 FLEX KAVANA** (6'4", 272, 1, NL) Son of Rocky Johnson is now making a name for himself in the USWA ... Held the USWA tag team title twice with Bart Sawyer ... Feuded with Brickhouse Brown and Reggie B. Fine over the belts ... With his father's help, he should only get better.

**168 BILL DUNDEE** (5'7", 214, 22, 105) Australia native is currently helping his son, Jamie, in his feud with former PG-13 partner Wolfie D ... Is causing all sorts of trouble for fan favorites in both USWA and North American All-Star Wrestling ... Spent a good part of the year trying to unmask The Cyberpunks, who turned out to be Wolfie and Jamie.

**169 DEVON STORM** (6'3", 241, 4, 206) The "Dangerous One" is now in ECW after a brief stint with WCW ... Frequently competes in many Mid-Atlantic indies ... Former ECWA singles and tag team champion ... Has had some incredible matches with Sabu ... His feud with Ace Darling has spanned several independents, and it is far from over.

**170 MIL MASCARAS** (5'11", 245, 32, 172) Most famous Mexican wrestler in history ... Has a superlative flying bodypress ... Still wrestles frequently in both Japan and his native Mexico ... Is a sort of superhero in Mexico, like Hulk Hogan was in the U.S., but on a much larger scale.

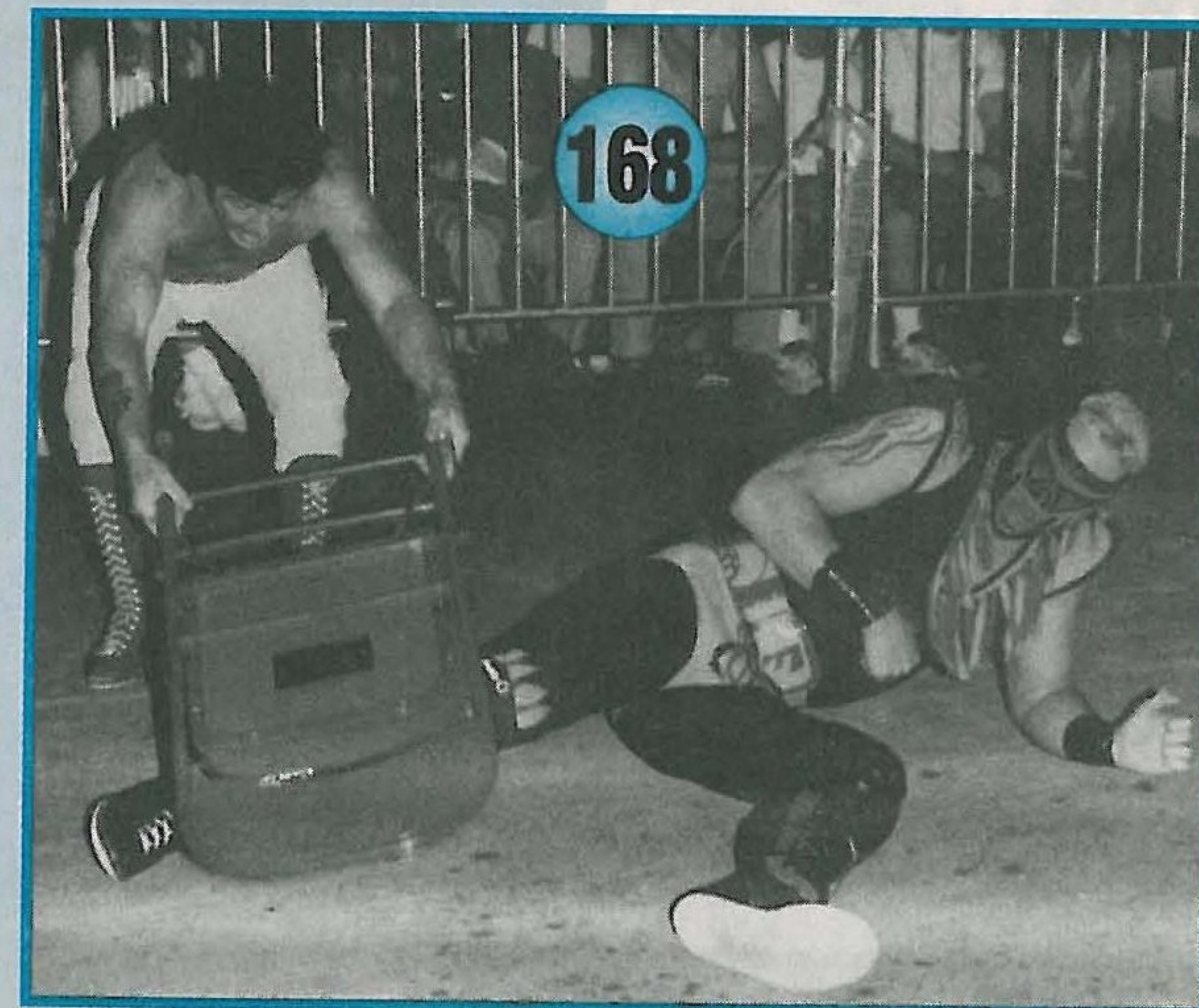
**171 JIM NEIDHART** (6'1", 275, 17, 132) "The Anvil" is currently wrestling regularly on the independent circuit and occasionally in the WWF ... Has held the WWF tag team title twice with brother-in-law Bret Hart ... Wrestled several matches in ECW in '95 ... Took Owen's side in the Bret-Owen feud.

**172 ROBERT GIBSON** (5'11", 225, 19, 169) Rock 'n' Roll Express star has had solid solo career ... Once again re-formed his tag team with Rick Morton, and they compete now in WCW and several Tennessee independents ... Briefly turned rulebreaker and joined Jim Cornette's Smoky Mountain Militia in '94 ... Fully recovered from reconstructive knee surgery.

**173 GREG VALENTINE** (6', 243, 25, 85) This veteran resurfaced in WCW this summer, but he is still frequenting the North American independents ... Former WWF star held the Intercontinental title and World tag team title with Brutus Beefcake ... Still feuding with Tito Santana on the independent circuit.

**174 MIGUEL PEREZ JR.** (6'1", 232, 19, 129) Son of popular Latin wrestler Miguel Sr. ... Has competed in both Puerto Rico's WWC and Japan's IWA ... Also wrestles for Mexico's EMLL ... The longer a match goes, the better the chance he'll win.

**175 OCTAGON** (5'7", 190, 7, 224) Popular AAA star amazed ECW fans earlier this year when he joined that promotion for a few matches ... Mexico City native combines high-flying acrobatic moves with hard-hitting martial arts skills ... Loves to use the dropkick.



Dundee attacks Wolfie D, the former Cyberpunk Fire



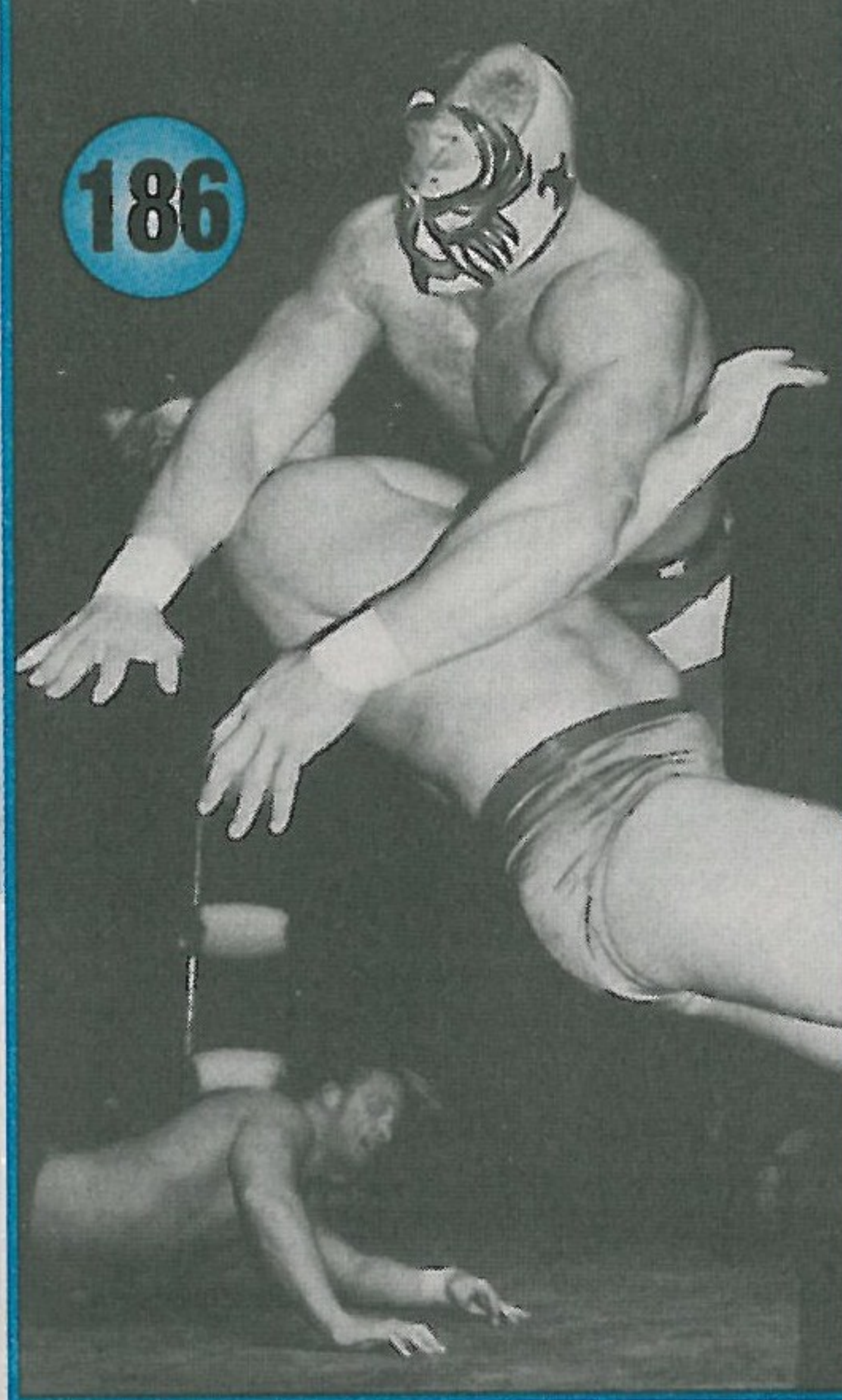
**176 SCOTT ARMSTRONG** (6'1", 214, 13, 167) Another Armstrong brother hanging around the mid-card level of WCW ... Relatively small, but he has deceptive strength and uses a lot of impressive aerial moves ... Has a good superkick ... Also wrestles regularly in Southern independents.

**177 V.K. WALL STREET** (6'3", 248, 15, 88) Best remembered as Irwin R. Schyster in the WWF ... A very good technical wrestler ... Has held the NWA TV and Florida titles ... Also held NWA and WWF tag team titles ... Has been slowed down by back problems ... Still feuding with Hacksaw Duggan ... Also wrestled as Mike Rotundo and Michael Wall Street.

**178 IAN ROTTEN** (6', 294, 6, 180) Not very technically proficient, but don't underestimate his will to win ... In the aftermath of his bloody war with brother Axl, he has spent his time roaming the Eastern independents ... Briefly wrestled in the USWA years ago ... Has wrestled a series of gory stipulation matches with Madman Pondo.

**179 SCOTT PUTSKI** (6', 235, 10, 67) Competes mainly in the Texas independents, including the Continental Wrestling Alliance ... Former Global North American champ ... Sometimes wrestles under the name Konnan 2000 ... Played football at Texas Christian University ... Son of Ivan Putski.

**180 BRICKHOUSE BROWN** (5'10", 225, 14, NL) Former Pacific Northwest star is now competing in the USWA ... Held the USWA tag team belts with Reggie B. Fine ... Last made the "PWI 500" in 1992, when he was number 130 ... Very cocky.



The Patriot's a mainstay in Japan

**182 MIKE ENOS** (6'4", 252, 8, 283) Former AWA World tag team champion is currently competing in WCW ... One-half of Rough 'n' Ready with Dick Slater ... Has experience in the WWF and in Japan ... Also teamed with Wayne Bloom as The Destruction Crew and The Beverly Brothers ... He and Bloom were voted PWI Rookies of the Year in 1989.

**183 CANEK** (5'11", 235, 24, 186) Still a main-event wrestler in Mexico ... Probably one of the most recognizable men in Mexican wrestling history, but he is not well-known outside of his native country ... Has been involved in some wild feuds with some of Mexico's all-time greats.

**184 PAT TANAKA** (5'10", 226, 11, 191) Has competed in WCW on several different occasions, most successfully as a member of The Orient Express ... Held AWA World tag team belts with Paul Diamond (as Badd Company) ... Great quickness ... Uses his martial arts skills well in the ring.

**185 JIMMY SNUKA** (6', 250, 27, 149) This cagey veteran continues to use a devastating flying bodypress off the top turnbuckle ... Will always be remembered for leaping off the top of a 15-foot steel cage during a match with Bob Backlund in 1982 ... Regularly competes in independents throughout North America.

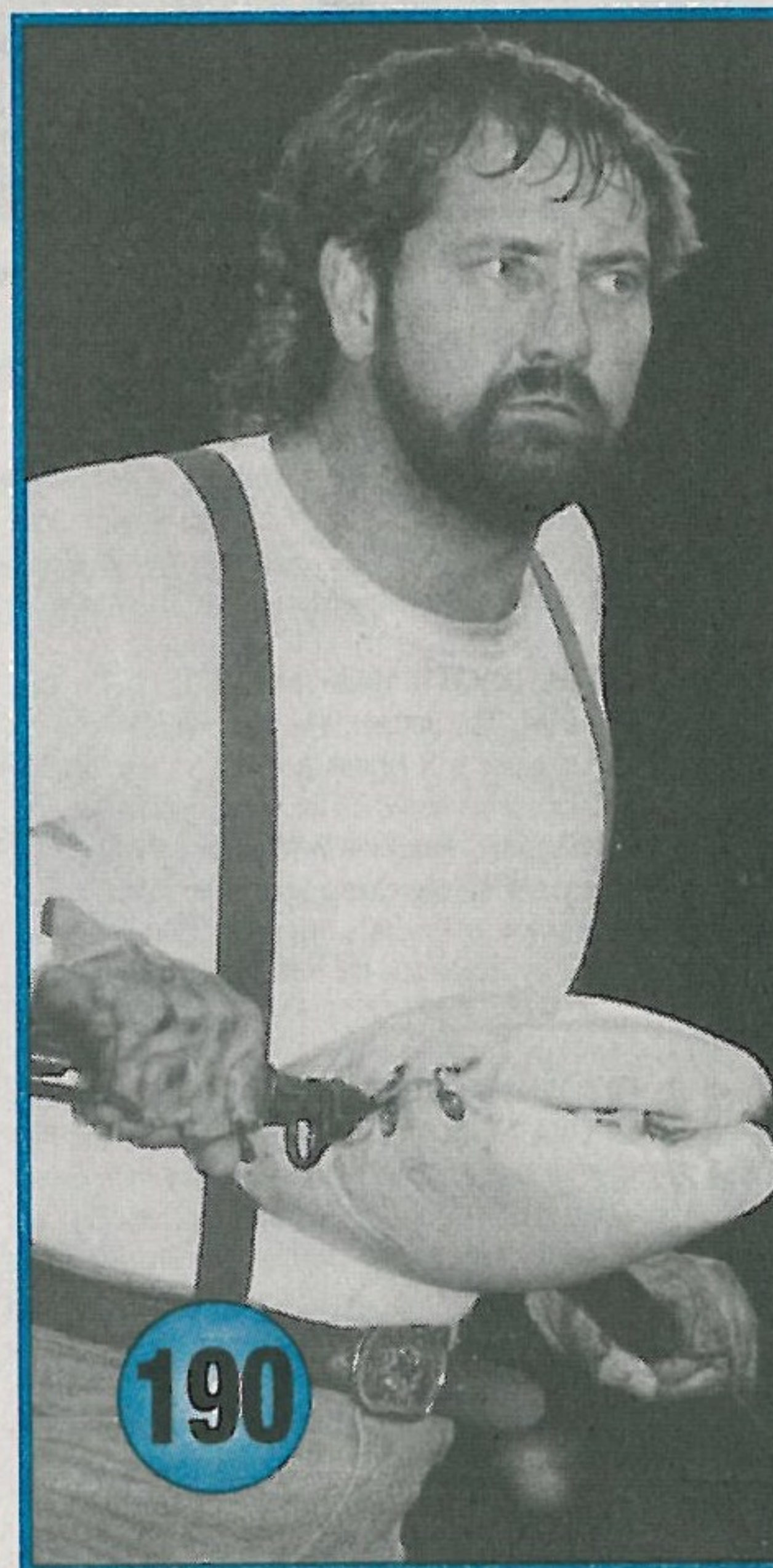
**186 THE PATRIOT** (6'4", 251, 8, 68) Started out in Dallas-based Global Wrestling Federation ... Held the GWF TV and heavyweight title ... Entered All-Japan in 1992 and won the Asian tag titles with The Eagle ... Teamed with Marcus Bagwell while in WCW, and together they won the WCW World tag team title.

**187 DICK SLATER** (6'1", 235, 27, 131) Currently teaming with Mike Enos in WCW ... Held the WCW World tag team title once with Bunkhouse Buck ... Upset with manager Col. Rob Parker's involvement with Sister Sherri ... Brawler inside and outside the ring ... This wily veteran still has a few years left in a long career.

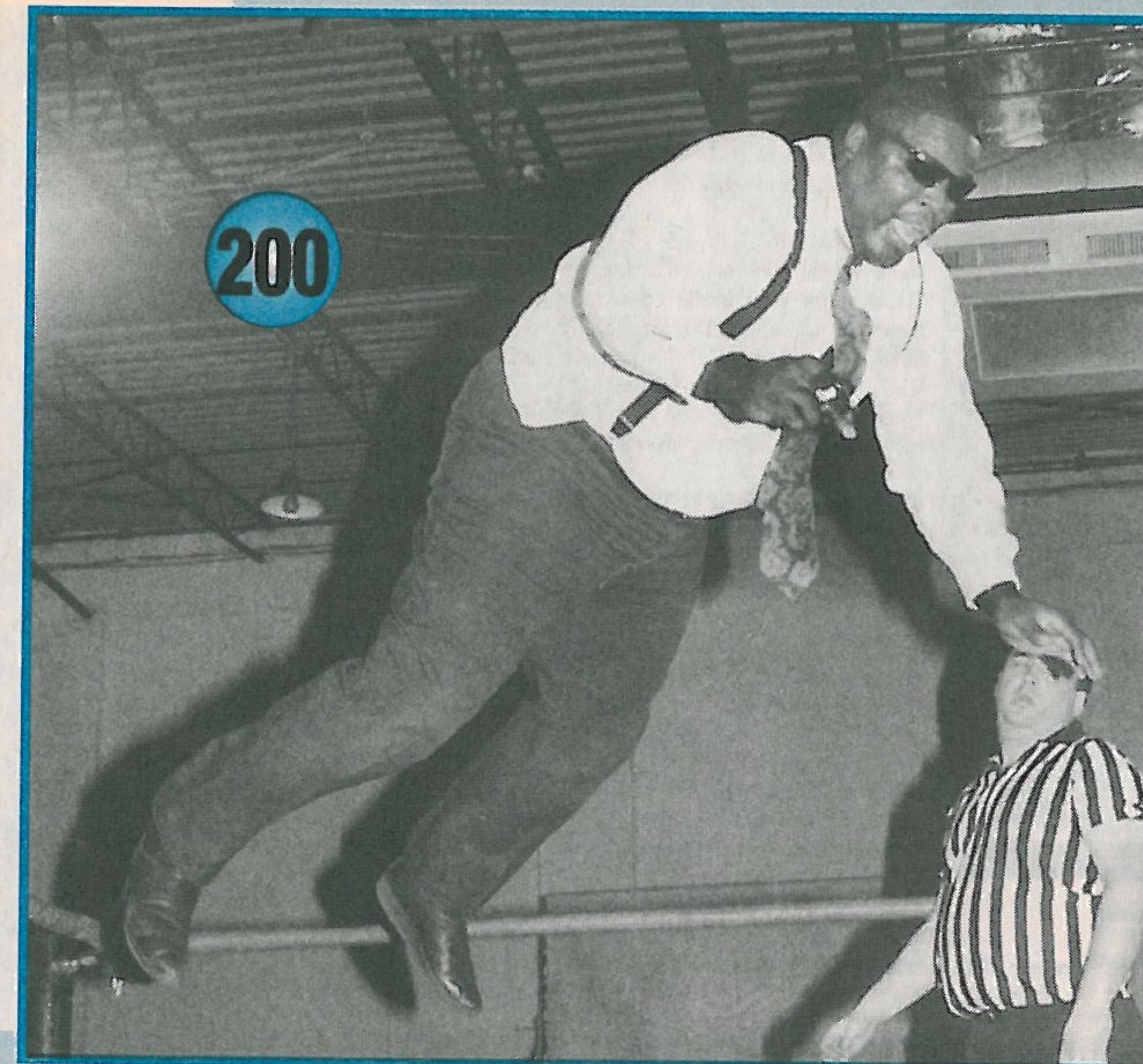
**188 TITO SANTANA** (6'1", 245, 21, 51) Two-time former WWF Intercontinental champion is still quite active in the independent ranks ... Competes throughout North America in many promotions ... List of regional titles held is too long to list ... Flying forearm smash hasn't lost any of its effectiveness—it's still a great finisher.

**189 BOBBY FULTON** (5'10", 220, 16, 192) He and Fantastics partner Tommy Rogers reunited in WCW a year ago, but they have found more success in Japan ... Wrestles frequently in Southern independents ... Also teams with younger brother Jackie in U.S. independents ... Sharp-dressed man is still a superb high-flyer.

**190 BUNKHOUSE BUCK** (6'5", 239, 5, 117) The current Tennessee Mountain Wrestling champion ... Held the WCW World tag team title with Dick Slater in '95 ... Has almost no technical skills, but he'll brawl with anyone ... Formerly a member of Col. Parker's Stud Stable ... Seems to be at home in Tennessee Mountain Wrestling.



Buck's brawling in Tennessee



Mr. Hughes comes in for a landing

**191 KAMA** (6'6", 340, 7, 65) Former member of Ted DiBiase's Million-Dollar Corporation is now competing on the independent circuit ... Had a violent feud with The Undertaker in the WWF ... Although he took The Undertaker's urn, it still didn't help him win ... Has a martial arts background that he puts to good use in his matches.

**192 OSAMU NISHIMURA** (6'2", 225, 5, 251) Tokyo native came to the United States to gain experience in American style of wrestling ... While here, he wrestled in ECW, NWA, and several independents in Florida, Texas, and Michigan ... Once won the GWF junior heavyweight title ... Now competing in his native country again.

**193 RAY ODYSSEY** (5'10", 225, 10, 282) Popular star carries his surfboard to the ring ... Regularly competes in Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling and North East Wrestling ... Holds victories over Skip and "Iron" Mike Sharpe ... His dropkick off the top rope has finished off many opponents.

**194 BILLY GUNN** (6'3", 256, 4, 141) He and brother Bart regained the WWF World tag team title from the Godwins this spring ... Now managed by Sunny ... Turned rulebreaker when Sunny joined his camp ... Excellent physique ... Look for The Smokin' Gunns to continue to dominate a weak WWF tag team division.

**195 CHRIS EVANS** (6'1", 239, 10, 182) Good technical wrestler ... Master of the suplex ... One of the more underrated wrestlers in the United States ... Former WWA heavyweight, junior heavyweight, and tag team champion ... Has wrestled as both a fan favorite and a rulebreaker ... Has teamed and feuded with Ray Odyssey ... Is rumored to be negotiating with former manager Eddie Reality.

**196 WAYNE BLOOM** (6'4", 266, 8, 317) Wrestles almost exclusively in Japan now, though he does come back to the States to compete in the Midwest from time to time ... Has also wrestled under the name Beau Beverly ... Former AWA tag team champion with partner Mike Enos ... Briefly competed in the WWF.

**197 JIM POWERS** (5'11", 351, 10, 204) Former WWF competitor is now plying his trade in WCW ... Has also competed in Northeast independents ... Former Pennsylvania Championship Wrestling U.S. champ (he defeated Jeff Jarrett to win that title) ... A solid power wrestler who is willing to take to the air if necessary.

**198 HAKUSHI** (5'11", 231, 5, 48) Former WWF competitor is now wrestling in his native Japan again ... Was bloodied and beaten by The Great Muta when he returned to the Orient ... While in WWF, he feuded with Bret Hart ... Still covers body in temporary tattoos before his matches ... A martial arts master.

**199 KAMALA II** (6' 430, 9, 170) All-Japan competitor is just as vicious as his namesake ... Teams with Abdullah the Butcher ... Sporadically wrestles in Southern independents ... Uses a big splash to finish opponents.

**200 MR. HUGHES** (6'5", 308, 8, 176) Former WWF competitor lets his actions speak for him ... Had a brief stint in ECW, but left the extreme world for the calmer rings of other East Coast independents ... Also competes in Las Vegas-based NWC ... Can move fast for a guy his size ... Former Kansas State football player ... Steve Williams helped get his career started.

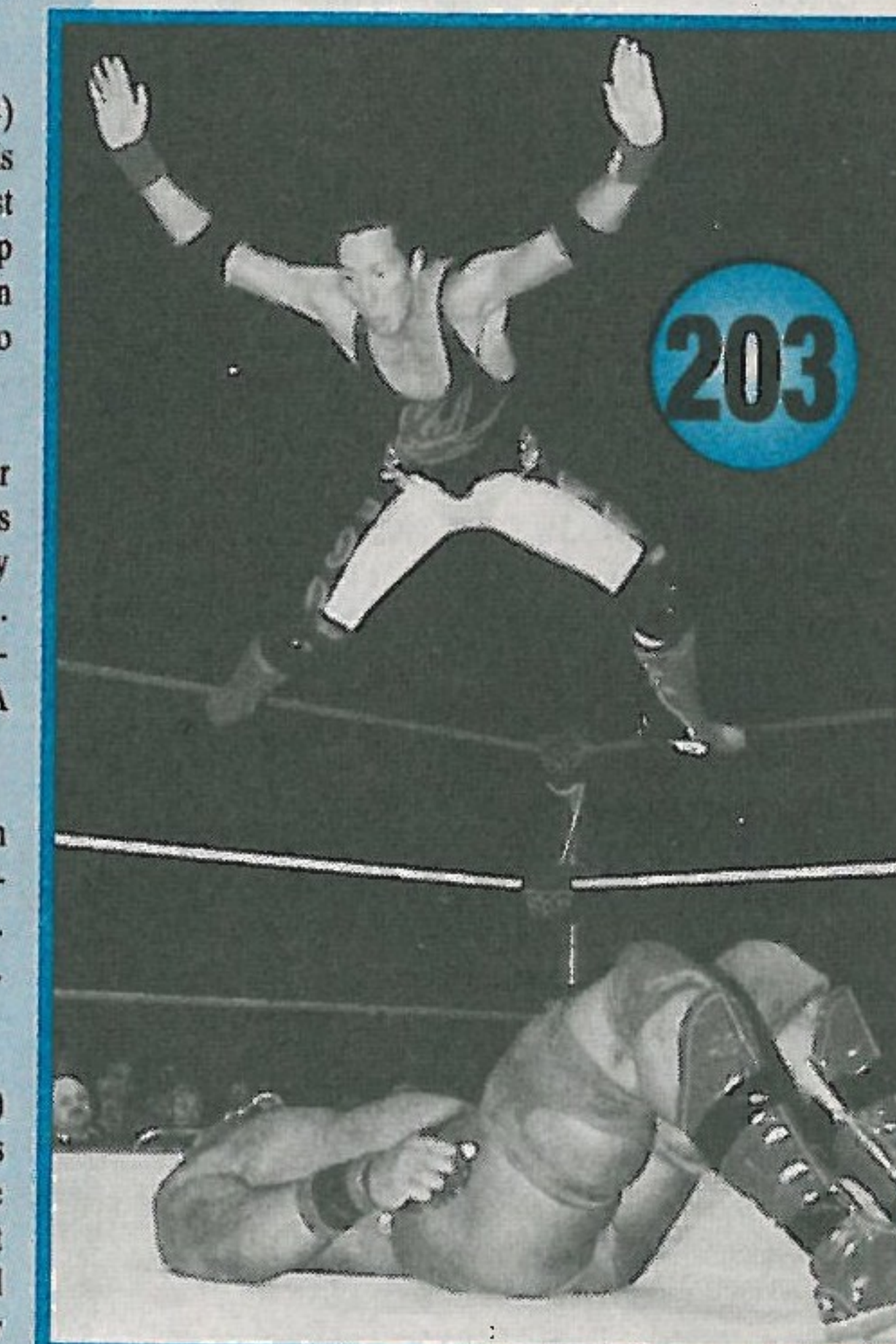
**201 HEAVY METAL** (5'7" 180, 8, 174) A second-generation wrestler ... Loves heavy metal music, as if the name didn't already allude to that ... Part of a rule-breaking group in AAA that calls itself the "Sexy Boys"; it consists of him, Latin Lovera, and Winners ... Former tag team champion with Latin Lover ... Has also wrestled in Japan.

**202 TYPHOON** (6'7", 384, 12, 162) Former WWF World tag team champion with Earthquake ... Reportedly talked to 'Quake (a.k.a. John Tenta) about reforming their team in WCW ... Is currently touring the North American independents ... A veteran competitor who knows how to use his girth to his advantage.

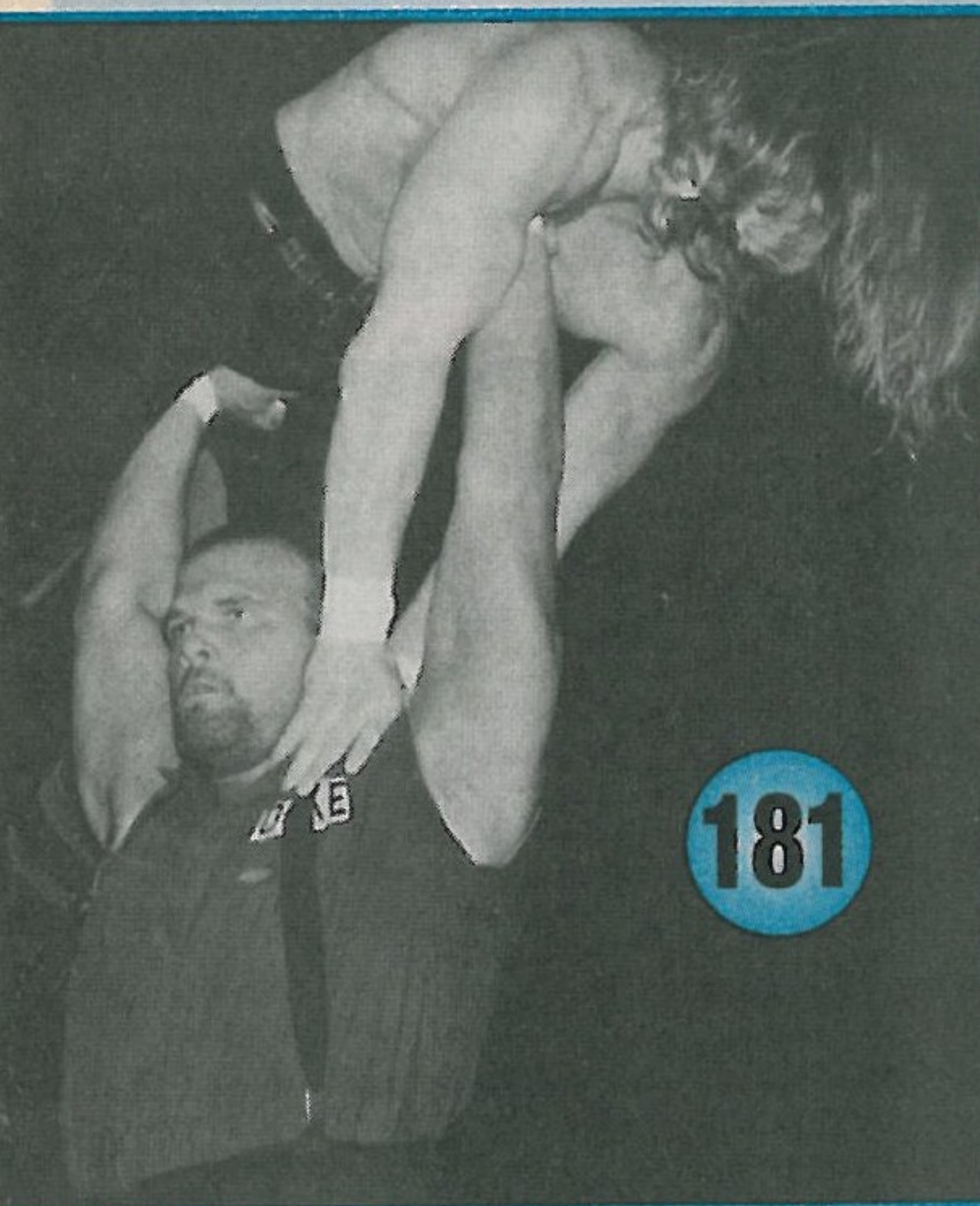
**203 THE KID** (6'2", 212, 7, 29) Past year has been tough on this light heavyweight ... Sold out to Ted DiBiase in the WWF ... Lost several embarrassing "baby bottle" matches to Razor Ramon ... Sidelined with various injuries for several weeks at a time ... Former WWF World tag team champion with Marty Jannetty ... Native of Minneapolis began his pro career in his home state.

**204 BLUE PANTHER** (5'5", 205, 18, 173) One of the top stars from Mexico, Panther is now competing regularly in Southwestern independents ... A master of several submission holds ... Former Mexican middleweight champion.

**205 T. RANTULA** (6'5", 310, 9, 155) Nicknamed "The Giant" ... Current American Commonwealth heavyweight champion ... Managed by The Black Widow ... Likes to brawl, but can wrestle on the mat, too ... Powerslam has proven to be an effective finishing move ... Recently returned from a successful tour of South Africa.



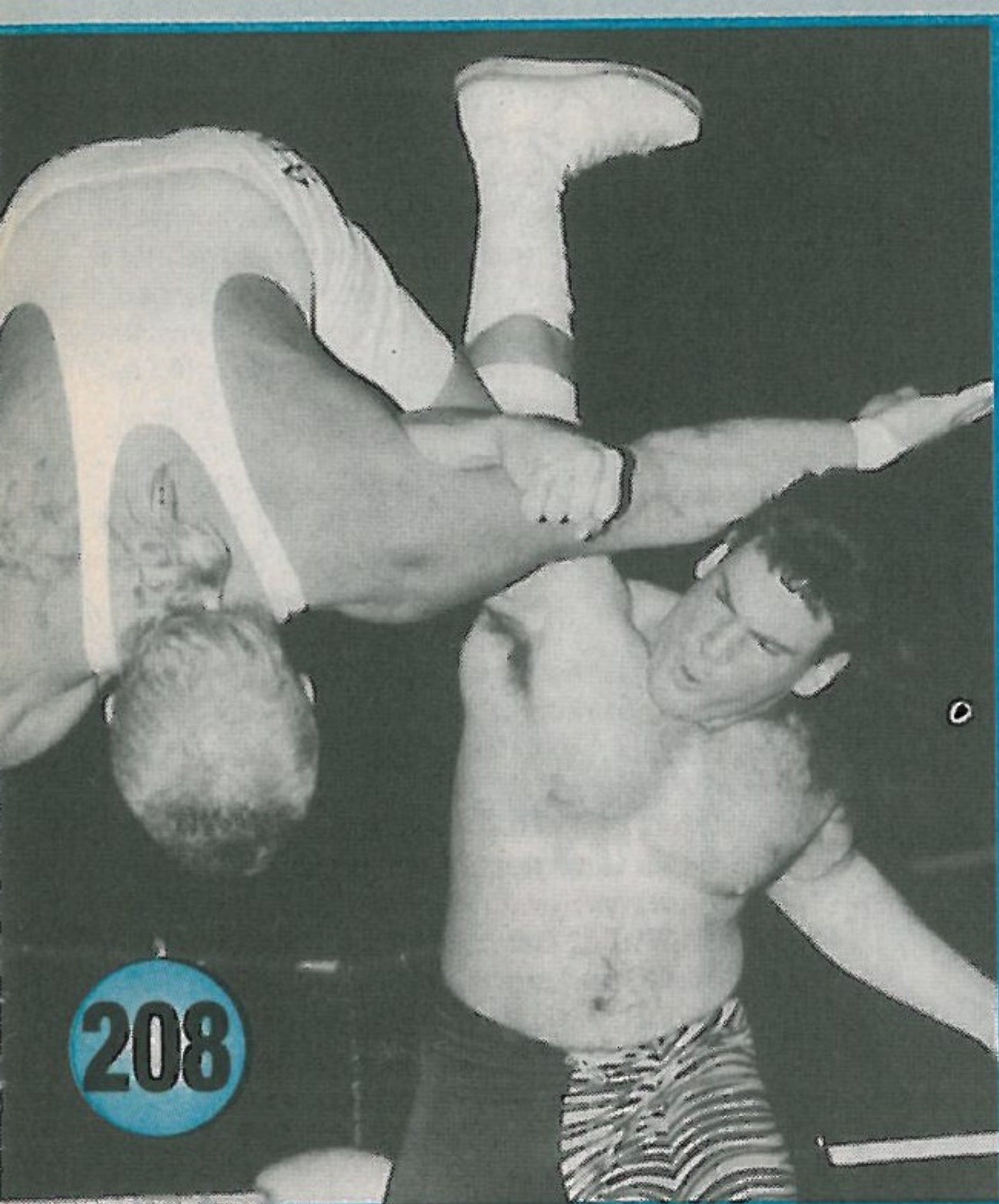
Not much weight behind Kid's moves



Droese's picking up trash in Florida

**181 DUKE DROESE** (6'5", 306, 9, 130) Hasn't done much in the WWF of late, but is doing well on the independent circuit ... Currently feuding with Demon Hellstorm in the Sunshine Wrestling Federation ... Picked up some unexpected victories over Hunter Hearst Helmsley this year after Helmsley knocked him out and cut his hair ... Most successful former number 500.





Darling competes all over the Northeast

**206 GRAN HAMADA** (5'4", 195, 25, 234) Good wrestler despite his lack of size ... Has held several belts all over the world, including the WWA super light heavyweight title in Mexico recently ... Also has extensive Japanese experience ... This cagey veteran may get another chance to shine in Mexico now that Rey Misterio Jr. spends so much of his time in WCW.

**207 SCOTT D'AMORE** (5'11", 230, 5, 241) Four-time BCW Can-Am heavyweight champion ... Defends BCW title in Canada, Europe, and U.S. ... Extensive background in submission wrestling ... Frequently competes in WCW, and once beat "Diamond" Dallas Page ... Also wrestles as Scott Hunter, one-half of the hockey-playing tag team called Gross Misconduct.

**208 ACE DARLING** (6', 225, 4, 205) Likes to wrestle in as many Northeast independents as he can ... Former ECWA singles and tag team champion ... Has had some memorable matches against Kid Flash, Cheetah Master, PG-13, Inferno Kid, and others ... Has wrestled extensively in the NWA, PCW, and CWA.

**209 DORY FUNK JR.** (6'2", 250, 32, 213) One of the best all-around wrestlers of the last half-century is still a force in Japan ... Former NWA World champion ... Wrestles regularly in the Orient, where he is treated like a legend ... Only occasionally wrestles in the U.S.

**210 J.T. SMITH** (6', 235, 6, NL) An African-American who thinks he's Italian ... This paizan is teaming with Little Guido in the ECW; together, they are The Full-Blooded Italians ... Ranked 231st in the 1994 "PWZ 500" ... Has wrestled Hack Myers on many occasions ... A former Tri-State champion.

**211 D-LO BROWN** (6'1", 288, 3, NL) Former Smoky Mountain Wrestling star was once a security guard for The Gangstas ... Went solo after departing SMW ... Top independent star in Midwest ... Entered BCW and immediately became top contender to Scott D'Amore's Can-Am heavyweight title ... Pushed D'Amore to the limit several times, but was unable to win the title ... Currently touring Puerto Rico.

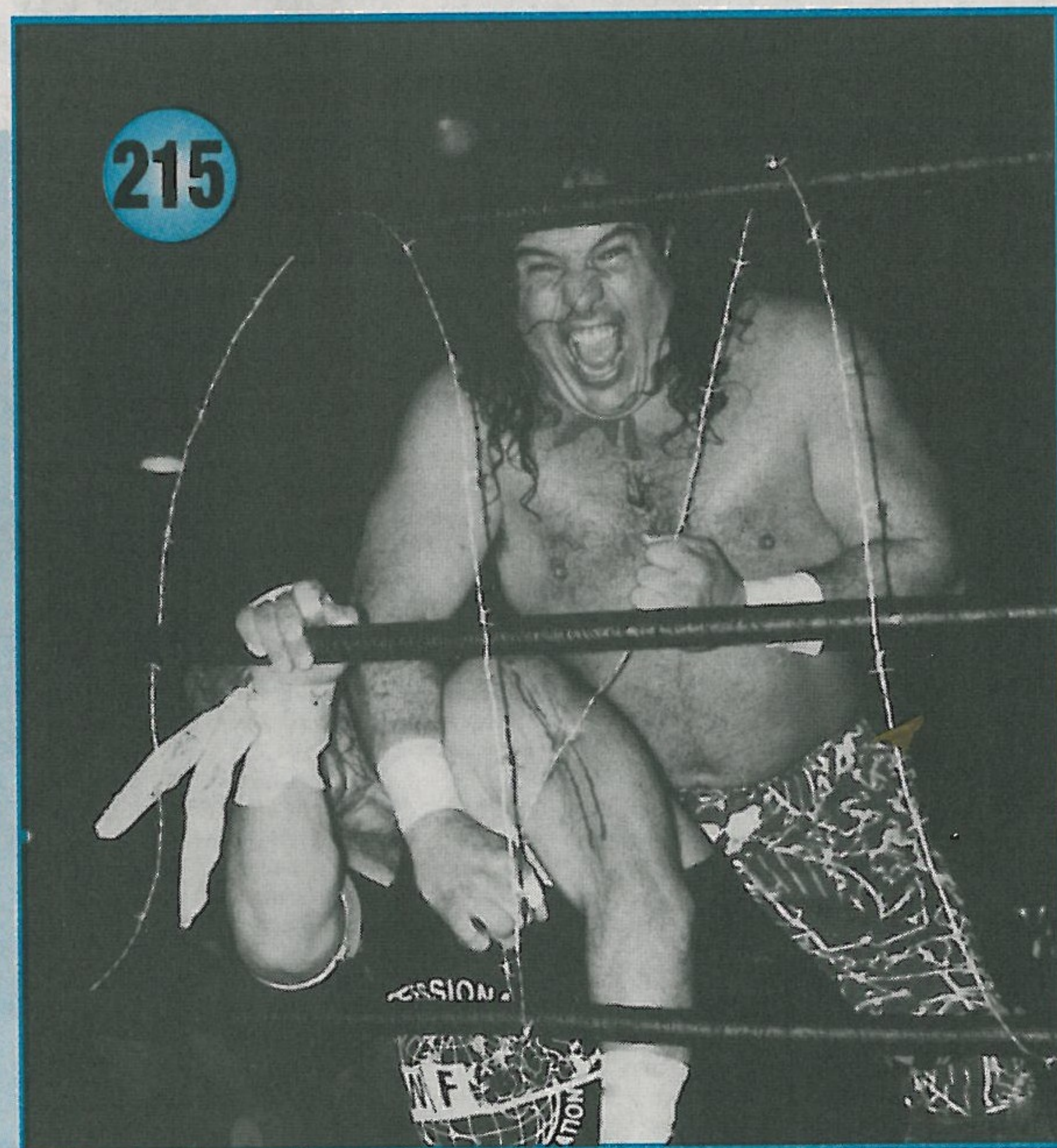
**212 LIZMARK** (5'6", 190, 21, 183) Still competing in Mexico's EMLL after all these years ... This experienced veteran is deceptively quick for his age ... Once held the Mexican light heavyweight title.

**213 MO** (6'1", 260, 5, 144) He and fellow Man on a Mission Mabel left the WWF for the USWA ... Now demands to be called Sir Mo ... Spent some time as Mabel's second while recuperating from injuries ... Former WWF World tag team champion needs to work on improving his mobility.

**214 VIRGIL** (5'11", 230, 11, 171) Ted DiBiase's former lackey has made quite a name for himself in various independent promotions across the United States ... Some opponents still make the mistake of underestimating his skills ... Has done surprisingly well in the last year in matches with Sabu in Las Vegas-based NWC.

**215 ITALIAN STALLION** (6'3", 260, 13, 213) Still feuding with George South in the PWF ... Former PWF heavyweight, Eastern States, and tag team champion ... Holds world record for spaghetti-eating ... Now

regrets training Madd Maxxine for a career in the PWF; no man has been able to pin her.



Barbed wire and spaghetti make Italian Stallion happy

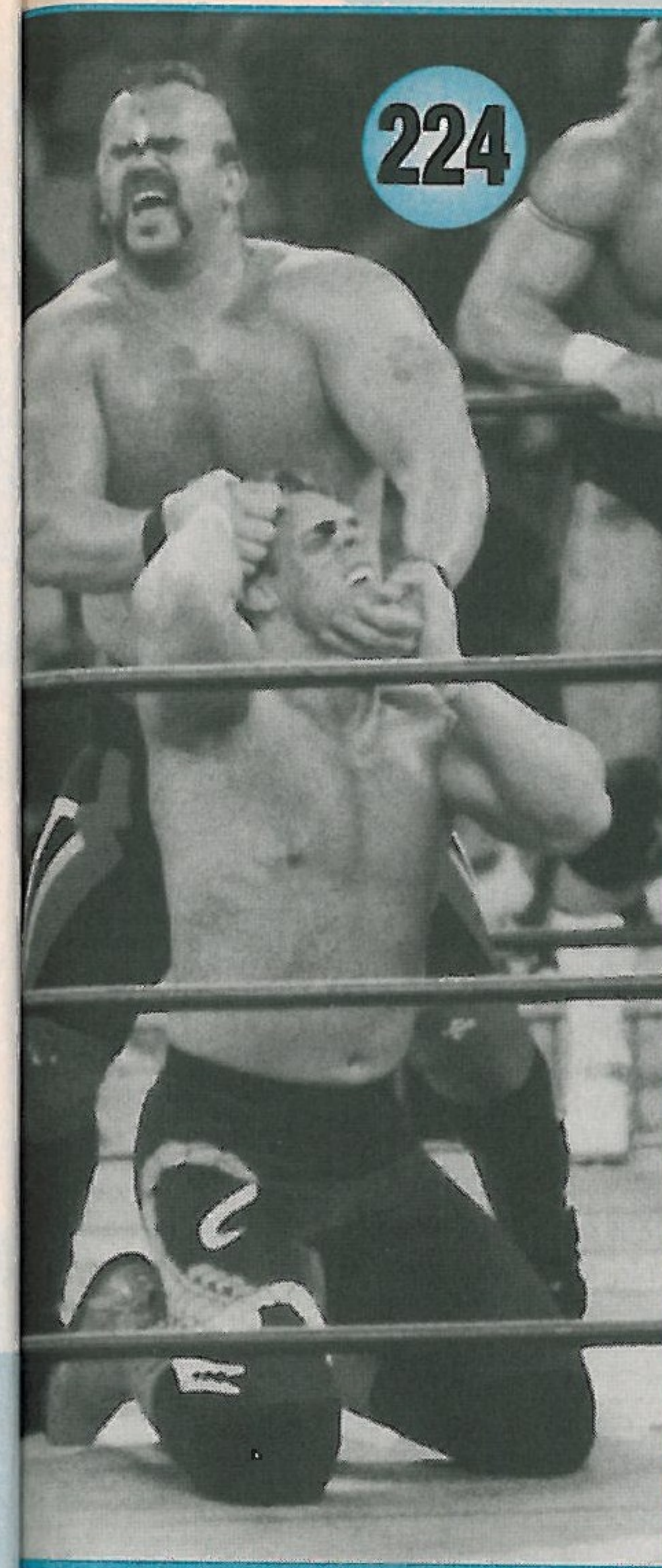
**216 BRUISER BEDLAM** (5'10", 270, 11, 81) Tough brawler is still bruising his way around Midwest independents ... Now managed by "Handsome" Johnny Bradford ... Has had some fierce matches against Al Snow, Cactus Jack, and Dan Severn over the years ... Was Jim Cornette's bodyguard in Smoky Mountain Wrestling.

**217 DANCES WITH DUDLEY** (5'10", 240, 4, NL) The sometimes-unintelligible member of the Dudley clan ... Much better in the ring than behind a microphone ... Supposedly the son of Daddy Dudley and a Sioux Indian.

**218 VIC STEAMBOAT** (6'1", 243, 10, 158) Current Century Wrestling Alliance TV champion, he defeated Knuckles Nelson for that belt ... Former CWA heavyweight champion ... Younger brother of Rick Steamboat, Vic's great scientific wrestling style is similar to his brother's ... Like Rick, he has an excellent flying bodypress.

**219 KAMALA** (6'7", 345, 22, 123) Left WCW the Dungeon of Doom for violent Japanese rings ... "Ugandan Giant" has spent much of his career globetrotting in search of someone new to maul ... Former USWA champ ... Has wrestled in all parts of the U.S., including in WCW and the WWF ... Has had more managers than one can count on his fingers.

**220 LOUIE SPICOLLI** (5'10", 248, 7, 189) Left the WWF (where he wrestled as Rad Radford) for the glorified violence of ECW ... Maybe his rulebreaking style was just too rad for the WWF ... Extensive experience in Mexico's AAA ... Once feuded with Fatu.



Animal's back and inflicting pain

**221 BASTION BOOGER** (6', 404, 17, 164) This mountain of revolting flesh is making his way around the Midwest independents and Canada ... Currently a top contender to the IPW heavyweight belt ... Formerly disgusted fans in the WWF ... Frequently teams with Scott D'Amore ... Occasionally tours Europe.

**222 CHEETAH MASTER** (6'1", 226, 6, 460) Currently in the middle of his fourth reign as ECWA champion ... Has been known to splash opponents from the top of steel cages ... Loved by the fans in the ECWA ... Has had memorable matches with Skip, Lance Diamond, Ace Darling, and Devon Storm ... Also a former co-holder of the ECWA tag team title ... Frequently managed by Capt. Lou Albano.

**223 SUPER CALO** (5'10", 195, 4, NL) Popular Mexican youngster ... Has a high-risk, high-flying style that some say is borderline suicidal ... Should be a name to remember.

**224 ANIMAL** (6'5", 310, 14, NL) A Road Warrior until the end ... Has teamed with Hawk nearly all of his career ... Returned from severe back injury in January ... Last ranked number 18 in 1991 ... Rarely wrestles singles ... Has teamed with Hawk to win the NWA, WWF, and AWA tag team titles ... After a brief stint in WCW, he's back in Japan.

**225 TONY ATLAS** (6'2", 247, 20, 230) Wrestles in Century Wrestling Alliance in New England and along Eastern seaboard ... Former Mr. U.S.A. ... Two-time former IWCCW champion ... Once held the WWF World tag team title with Rocky Johnson ... Size and strength are still his best assets.

**226 EDDIE GOLDEN** (5'10", 220, 8, 232) Nephew of wrestling veteran Jimmy Golden ... Can overpower almost anyone in the promotions in which he wrestles ... One of the South's top light heavyweights ... Sometimes teams with Stan Lee as The Beautiful Blondes.

**227 LANCE DIAMOND** (6'2", 230, 6, 467) This self-proclaimed "Superstar Of Wrestling" bills himself as the best technical wrestler in the ECWA ... An egotistical loudmouth, Diamond has backed up some of his boasts by capturing the ECWA title four times and the ECWA tag team title three times ... A master of many different suplexes ... Also competes in PCW ... Has had memorable matches against Bob Holly, Cheetah Master, Ace Darling, and Dave Keller.

**228 HEADBANGER MOSH** (6', 243, 5, 201) Former Smoky Mountain regular is now competing in the Mid-Eastern Wrestling Federation, as well as in several other Mid-South and Mid-Atlantic independents ... Slightly smaller than partner Headbanger Thrasher ... Has the ability to do well in both singles and team competition ... Can execute a terrific clothesline, but would rather use a foreign object to beat his opponent.

**229 LORD ZOLTAN** (5'9", 230, 20, 267) Dangerous veteran hails from Bourbon Street in New Orleans ... Zoltan is a two-time former American Commonwealth light heavyweight champion and the current Steel City junior heavyweight champion ... Managed by Notorious Norm ... Has feuded with T.C. Reynolds, Johnny Graham, and Virgil over the past several years ... Always wears face paint in the ring.

**230 BLACKTOP BULLY** (6'2", 303, 10, 207) Wrestled Dustin Rhodes in the infamous WCW Uncensored '95 match in the back of a flatbed truck ... Was a member of Col. Parker's Stud Stable ... Now wrestling in Midwest independents ... Everyone hopes he has wrestled his last match in the back of truck.

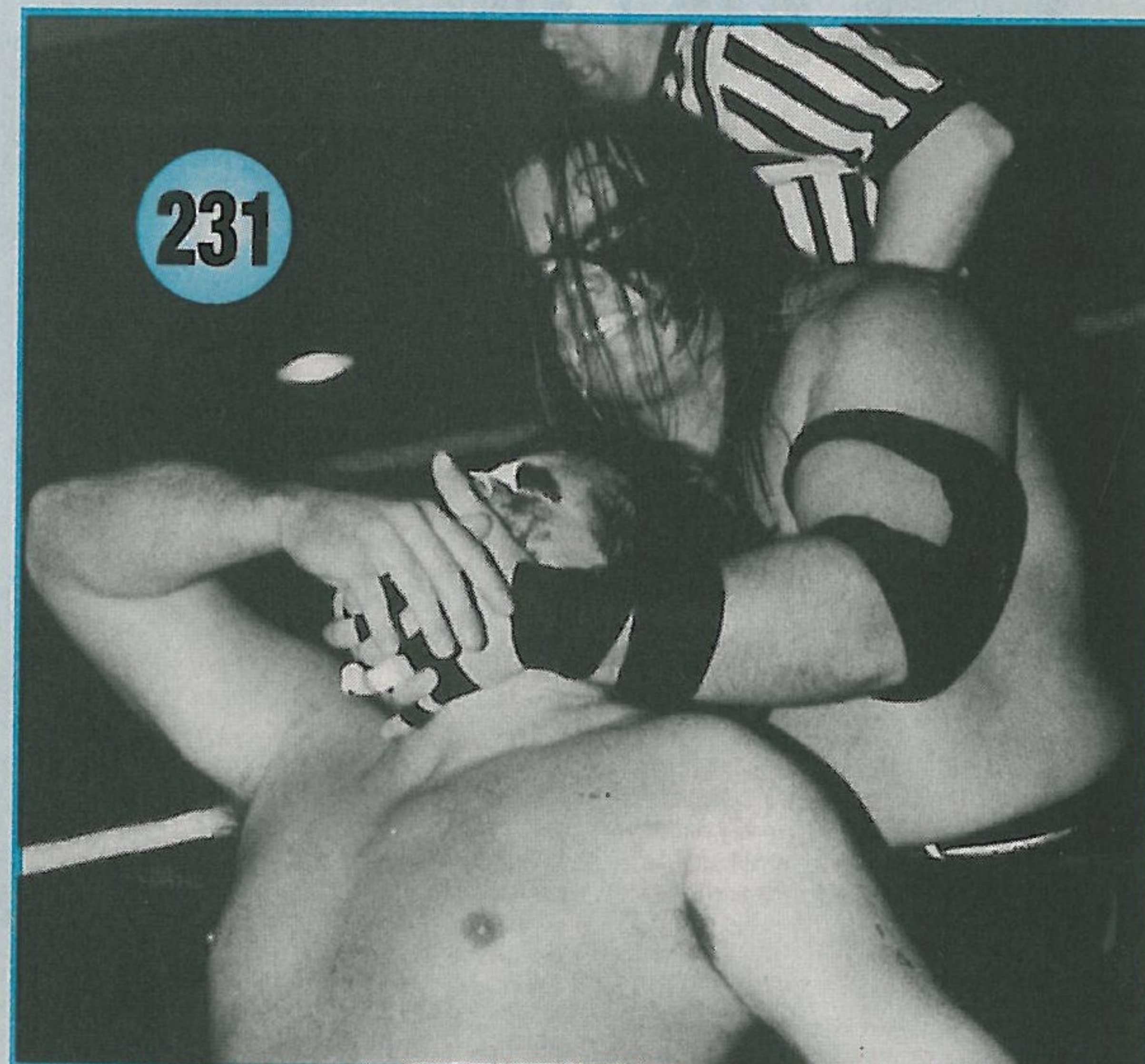
**231 GLEN OSBOURNE** (6'2", 265, 7, 228) Known as the "Mosh Master," as well as "The Bad Man From The Badlands" ... Wrestles for East Coast independents ... Came close to beating American Commonwealth champion T. Rantula on several occasions ... One-half of The Natural Born Killers tag team with Rockin' Rebel ... Good technical wrestler, but also likes to brawl ... Knocks opponents down with hard-hitting clotheslines.

**232 SAMU** (6'4", 260, 15, 198) Former WWF star briefly returned to the WWF as one-half of Gangstas in Paradise (now The Samoan Gangsta Party) to harass former partner Fatu ... Now in ECW trying to take down The Gangstas ... Big, tough brawler.

**233 FRANK FINNEGAN** (6'5", 588, 3, 218) Two-time former WWA champion ... Competes in both the WWA and ECWA ... Had a falling-out with manager Tricky Nicky and has once again become a fan favorite ... Holds several victories over King Kong Bundy ... Friendly.

**234 JIM McPHERSON** (6', 245, 9, 244) Current WWA heavyweight champion ... Defeated Chris Evans and Ed Atlas in a triangle match for the title ... Former three-time WWA junior heavyweight champion ... Occasionally competes in New Jersey-based NWA.

**235 HEADBANGER THRASHER** (6'2", 245, 5, 203) He and Headbanger partner Mosh have migrated from the now-defunct SMW to other Southern independents and the Maryland-based MEWF ... Not a strong scientific wrestler, but he'll brawl with anyone ... Dropkick from the top rope is his best move.



Osbourne was born to maim

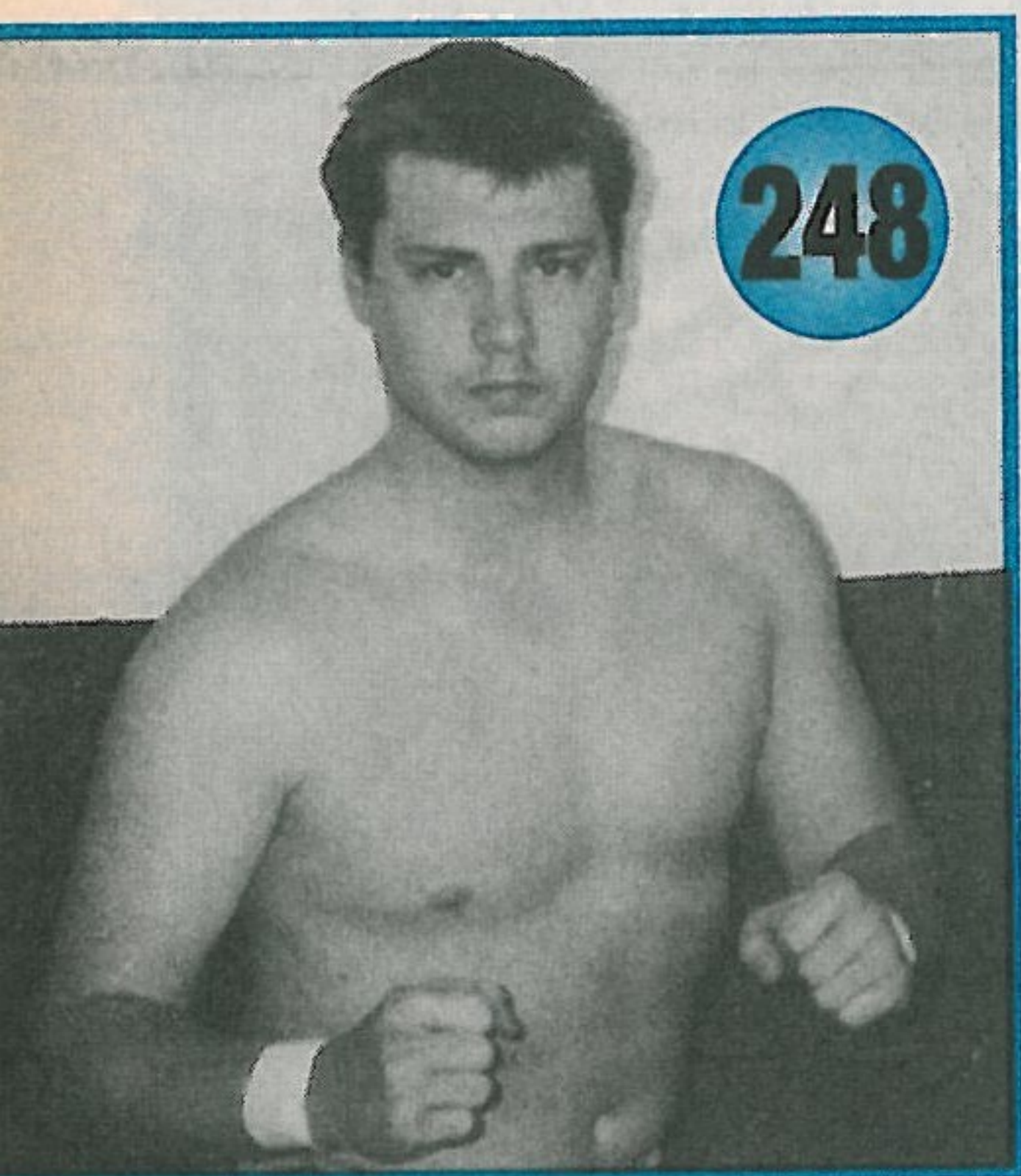




Payne is rocking in Austria

**236 KEN SHAMROCK** (6', 220, 7, 157) A competitive shootfighter and top competitor in the Japanese rings ... Active in the Ultimate Fighting Championship ... Also inaugural Pancrase champion.

**237 ICE TRAIN** (6'2", 250, 3, NL) Young WCW competitor was a member of Fire and Ice with Scott Norton, but has since been attacked by his former partner ... Powerful wrestler, but lacks the experience that only comes with challenging top-level competition ... Once had a short and forgettable feud with Ron Simmons in WCW.



ICW heavyweight champ Marc Ash

**238 REGGIE B. FINE** (6'3", 235, 7, NL) Much-improved USWA competitor ... Taken under the wing of Men on a Mission earlier this year; they dubbed him "Sir Fine" ... Since the departure of his royal friends, he has been teaming with Brickhouse Brown; they briefly held the USWA tag team title.

**239 VANCE NEVADA** (5'11", 201, 3, 255) One of the most respected junior heavyweights in Canada ... Five-time unified Canadian junior heavyweight champion ... Also competes in AIWF and NAWF ... Usually finishes opponents with a top rope bulldog.

**240 MAXX PAYNE** (6'6", 350, 9, 110) This former WWF and WCW competitor is now plying his trade in the North American independents and Austria's Catch Wrestling Association ... Frequently uses an armbar as a finisher ... Annoyed Bob Backlund in the WWF by playing his guitar very loud.

**241 DEMON HELLSTORM** (5'11", 241, 6, 325) The current Sunshine Wrestling Federation heavyweight champion, he has held that title for more than a year now ... Is feuding with Duke "The Dumpster" Droese ... Florida fans love him, even though he claims to be from the "bowels of hell" ... Managed by Abudien.

**242 FLAMING YOUTH** (5'11", 230, 5, 276) Current PWF Eastern States champion is one of the PWF's top fan favorites ... Turned down Madd Maxxine when she offered to manage him ... Colorful ring outfit is a hit with fans.

**243 TERRY AUSTIN** (6', 235, 5, 257) Current PWF feud with Carolina Dreamer has no end in sight ... Teams often with Austin Steele ... Using more aerial moves now than he used to, but takes too many chances ... Slingshot suplex is his finisher of choice.

**244 BUSHWHACKER BUTCH** (5'8", 238, 31, 254) Teams with cousin Luke Williams ... Makes frequent appearances in the WWF ... He and Luke have beaten The New Rockers many times in '96 ... Is better off on the independent circuit ... Stronger than he looks ... He and Luke will probably be remembered by fans for their rulebreaking days in the NWA.

**245 TONY FALK** (6'1", 240, 13, NL) Good all-around wrestler in his own right, but most recently gained notoriety as a member of Jeff Jarrett's posse in the USWA ... Wasn't Jarrett's only lackey—he had several others, like former referee Frank Morell ... Not only did he team with Jarrett, he also chauffeured him around ... Has aligned himself with Tommy Rich now that Jarrett has left the USWA.

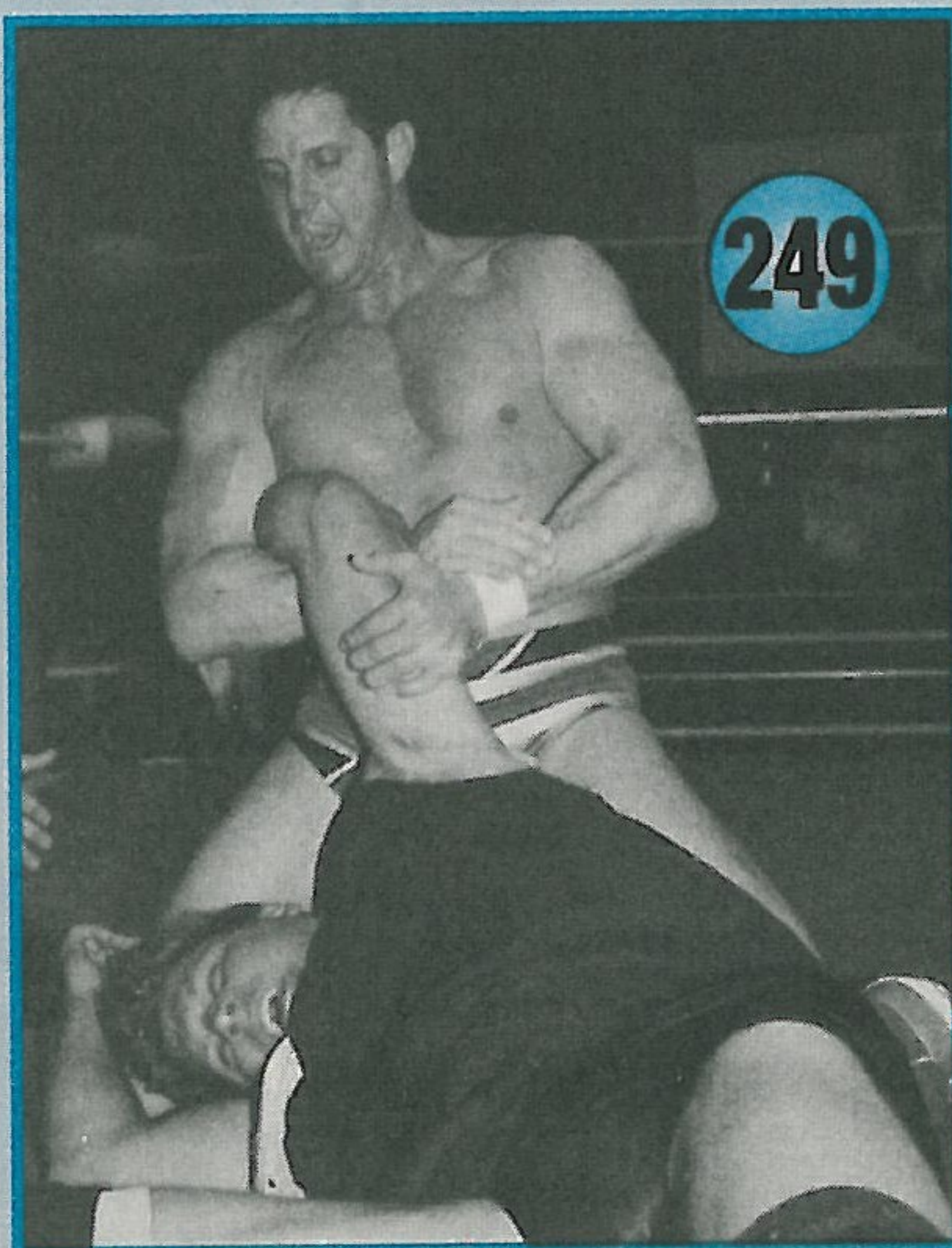
**246 JOHNNY GRAHAM** (5'10", 220, 9, 271) Popular American Commonwealth light heavyweight champion is from Carlisle, Pennsylvania ... Wrestles for several East Coast independents ... Solid technical wrestler ... Uses a sunset flip off the top rope to finish off opponents ... Defeated Lord Zoltan on October 14, 1995, to regain the ACW light heavyweight title ... Recently starred in *The Manhandler*, a short film in which he played a wrestler.

**247 MICKEY DOYLE** (5'11", 221, 26, 331) 1971 NWA Rookie of the Year has won numerous regional titles ... Tag team expert formed successful tandems with Bruno Sammartino, Roddy Piper, Tom "Bodydonna Zip" Prichard, and Al "Leif Cassidy" Snow, among others ... Now trains aspiring young wrestlers with former partner Scott D'Amore at the BCW Training Center.

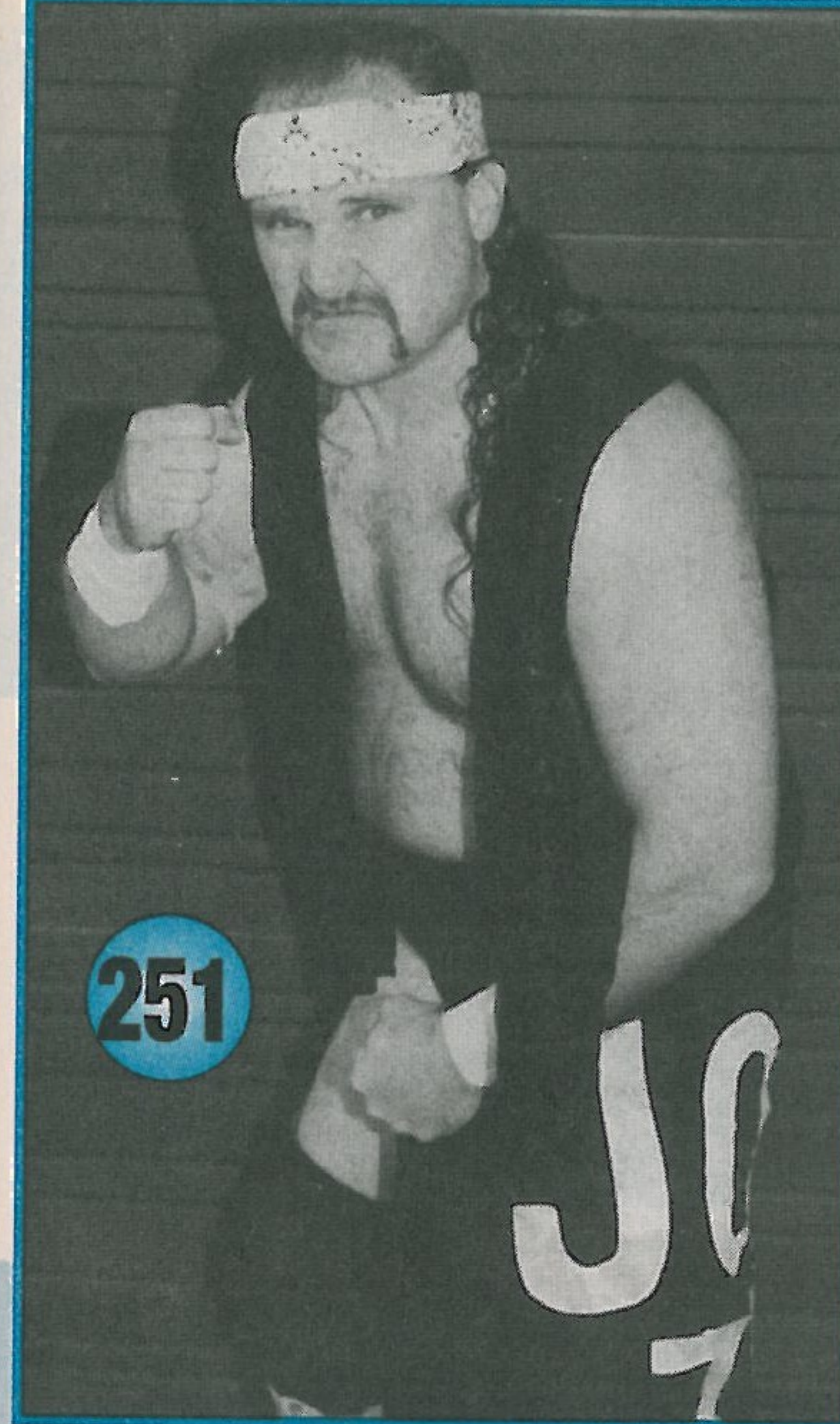
**248 MARC ASH** (6', 205, 7, 291) Spent entire year as ICW heavyweight champion ... Feuded with most members of the Armstrong family over the last year ... Claims to have singlehandedly run Rikki Rhodes and Ricky Morton out of ICW ... Now feuding with "Wild Thing" Shane Wild.

**249 CHRIS ADAMS** (6'1", 228, 18, 246) This Stratford, England, native has called Texas home since the 1980s ... Competes regularly in several Texas independents, including the Continental Wrestling Alliance ... Was a mainstay in the old World Class, where he teamed with Gino Hernandez in a violent feud with the Von Erichs ... Held both the World Class heavyweight and tag team titles several times ... Runs a wrestling school whose prized graduate was Steve Austin.

**250 BUSHWHACKER LUKE** (5'10", 235, 31, 258) Has been teaming with cousin Butch since he was a young Bushwhacker ... They make up the WWF's most unpredictable team ... Also wrestled in the old NWA as one of The Shepherders ... These New Zealanders had some legendary barbed-wire matches with The Fantastics.



Adams still has a stronghold on Texas wrestling



South is a born-again brawler

**251 GEORGE SOUTH** (6'2", 235, 14, 316) Still feuding with PWF rival Italian Stallion ... Current PWF heavyweight champion has also held the PWF junior heavyweight, Eastern States, and tag team titles ... Seems to do well in barbed-wire matches, and jokes that raising twin baby girls is tougher ... Flying neckbreaker is his finisher ... Very religious ... Recently wrestled at WWF TV tapings.

**252 CIEN CARAS** (6'3", 230, 28, 328) Started career as a masked wrestler, but lost his mask in 1990 to Rayo de Jalisco Jr. ... One of the most notorious rulebreakers in Mexican history ... Feuded with Mil Mascaras in the 1970s ... Both respected and feared for his accomplishments and reputation ... Has two brothers who also wrestle.

**253 MARK SCHRADER** (5'10", 220, 3, NL) Former rulebreaker earned the nickname "The Shark" by being a pool hustler ... Used to bring his pool stick to the ring and use it as a weapon ... Defeated Quinn Neal to become the first IPWA lightweight champion.

**254 ROBBY ROYCE** (5'8", 211, 5, 273) A co-holder of the River City Wrestling tag team title on four occasions ... "Wildcat" has been giving all top contenders in RCW a run for their money ... Generates a strong fan response ... Finishing move is the frog splash ... Back together with long-time partner Vance Nevada.

**255 KNUCKLES NELSON** (6'3", 249, 5, NL) Top contender to Century Wrestling Alliance heavyweight title ... Former member of The Cash Money Boys is now involved in a heated feud with them ... Reno, Nevada, native ... Former CWA TV champion.

**256 THE BLUE MEANIE** (6'1", 350, 2, 434) One of the stranger characters in ECW ... Claims he's here from Pepperland to take over the universe. Huh? ... Always hangs out with Stevie Richards, with whom he likes to mimic WWF and WCW wrestlers ... Needs to either stop eating so much ice cream or stop wearing half-shirts ... Is actually a pretty good wrestler ... How many 350-pounders can execute a moonsault? He can.

**257 LOU MARCONI** (5'11", 230, 4, 286) "Beef Stew" has made good progress in the past year, and scored an upset win over the massive T. Rantula ... Has held Steel City and SWA tag team belts with Frank Stalletto ... Always looking for ways to expand his arsenal.

**258 HEADHUNTER I** (5'11", 440, 4, 270) Rather large, sadistic wrestler who is frequently found in Japan and sometimes in ECW ... Has little regard for himself and less for opponents ... Not too strong in the scientific skills department, but he doesn't need to be ... Just give him an appendage, and he'll find a way to make you bleed from it.

**259 ABBUDAH SINGH** (6'2", 310, 4, 264) Sadistic madman was discovered and trained by Larry Sharpe ... Famous for his wild feud with Abdullah the Butcher several years ago ... Currently feuding with Tony DiVito in North East Wrestling, a promotion whose officials are considering suspending both Singh and manager Eddie Reality for their out-of-control behavior ... Recently wrestled Ian Rotten. Not surprisingly, it was a brutal bloodbath.

**260 DUSTY WOLFE** (5'10", 230, 9, 263) Briefly competed in the WWF as Dale Wolfe, and has since wrestled all over the world ... Frequently tours Africa, the Middle East, Puerto Rico, and India ... In his spare time, he competes in Texas independents and Deep South Wrestling.

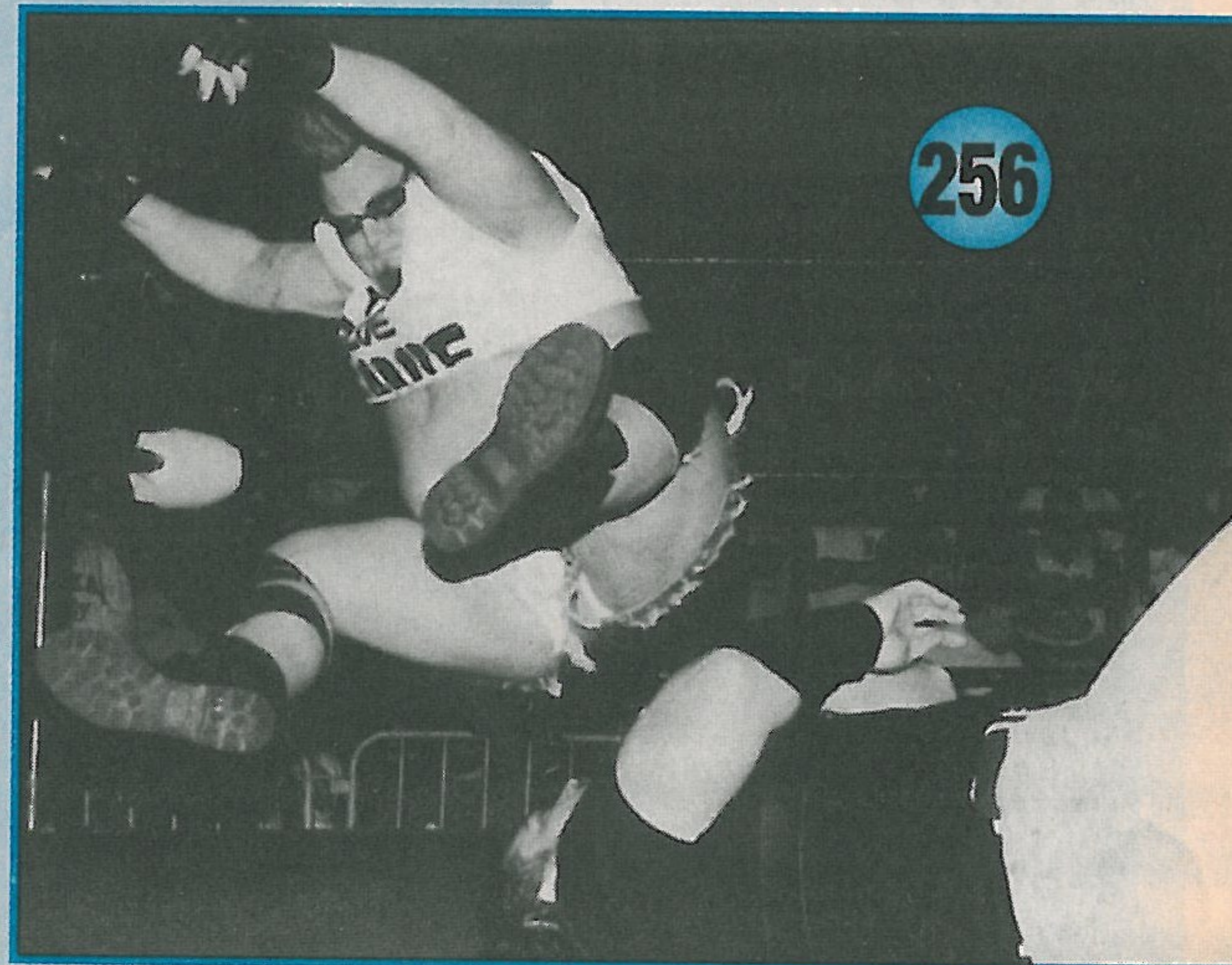
**261 BOBBY BLAZE** (6'1", 222, 8, 109) Former Smoky Mountain heavyweight champ got doused when the promotion folded ... Is now toiling in the Mid-South independents, but hasn't found too much success ... Kentucky native idolized Terry Funk as a kid ... Very enthusiastic and very determined ... Has the talent to go far.

**262 DEMOLITION AX** (6'2", 303, 9, 207) Former WWF World tag team champ is now competing in North American independents ... Considered a well-rounded wrestler ... Has a masters degree in education ... Uses his size and strength well.

**263 AUSTIN STEELE** (6', 235, 5, 265) Still claims to be the real "Nature Boy" ... Tags often with George South and Terry Austin in the PWF ... No PWF wrestler has been able to reverse or escape from his figure-four leglock ... Held PWF Eastern States title longer than anyone.

**264 TIMOTHY FLOWERS** (6', 243, NA, 227) A mainstay in West Coast Championship Wrestling ... Competes mainly in Canada, but also tours Japan's UWA on occasion ... Body is scarred from years of wrestling in bizarre, violent specialty matches.

**265 TOMMY ROGERS** (5'9", 222, 16, 240) One-half of the most popular tag teams from the 1980's ... Reunited with Fantastics partner Bobby Fulton several times in Japan and some independent cards in the U.S. this year ... He and Fulton won the WCW U.S. tag team title twice and the UWF tag team title twice ... Had some violent, bloody barbed-wire matches with The Shepherders (now The Bushwhackers) in the old UWF.



The Blue Meanie isn't too pretty, but he's effective



**266****HEADHUNTER II** (5'11", 390, 4, 280) A slightly smaller version of his partner ... Amazingly agile for his size ... In case you've never seen him, just picture a bloody Abdullah the Butcher moon-saulting toward you. Scary, isn't it? ... See Headhunter I.

**267****JEFF GAYLORD** (6'3", 280, 11, 214) A frequent competitor in Southwestern independents ... Played professional football for the Los Angeles Rams ... Former USWA Southern and tag team champion ... Once had a tryout with WCW.

**268****FIREFIGHTER ADRIAN** (5'9", 230, NA, 231) Philadelphia native has found a home in British Columbia area ... Held West Coast Championship Wrestling's mid-heavyweight title ... Both strong and agile ... Needs to add a few new moves to his repertoire.

**269****DOINK THE CLOWN** (5'10", 235, NA, 118) Still active in independents, but he's not as visible as he once was, which has some fans sighing with relief ... This clown is for real, not like all his clones wreaking havoc seemingly everywhere ... Still loved by many young fans.

**270****YOSHI KWAN** (6'1", 222, 12, NL) Bizarre wrestler who competes in the USWA and Tennessee-area promotions ... Has long fingernails, which are useful for gouging opponents' eyes ... Favorite move is cutting open opponents' heads with a large samurai sword ... Last listed in the 1991 "PWI 500."

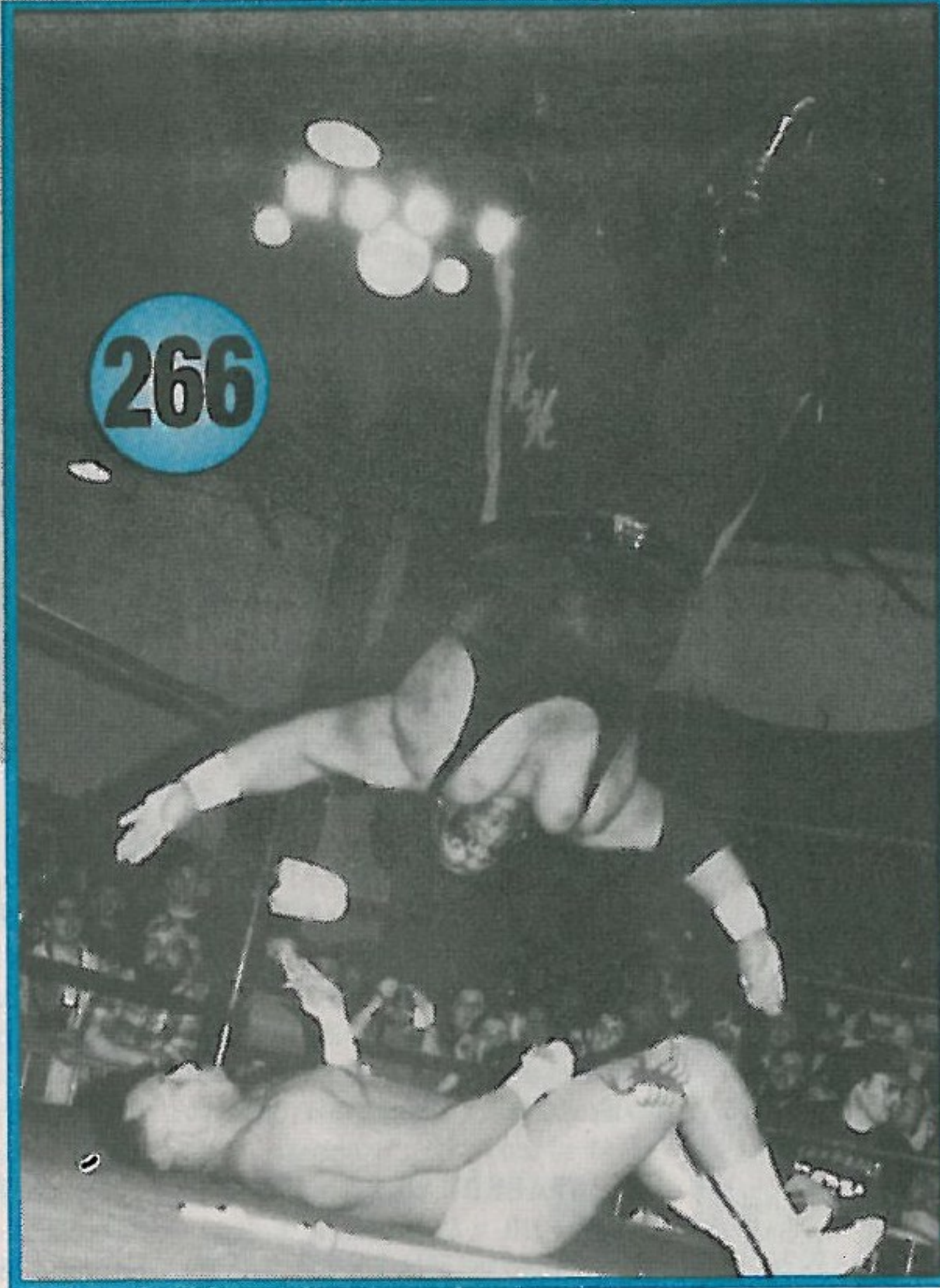
**271****ROCK STEVENS** (6'4", 275, 5, 279) "Punisher" has held the MCW title for three years running ... Has defeated Scott D'Amore and Leif Cassidy, among others ... Once teamed with D-Lo Brown in an effort to beat The Smokin' Gunns during their first WWF tag team title reign ... Has wrestled in many independents in the Great Lakes region.

**272****FRANK STALLETTO** (6'2", 237, 4, 348) "Handsome" Frank has become one of the most popular wrestlers in Steel City Wrestling ... Along with Lou Marconi, he held the Steel City tag team title until Stevie Richards and The Blue Meanie came along and beat them earlier this year ... A good mat wrestler who likes to ride his opponents in order to wear them down ... Feuding with Brick Bronsky in both American Commonwealth and Int'l Pro Wrestling ... Bronsky convinced Stalletto to be his tag team partner, then ambushed him.

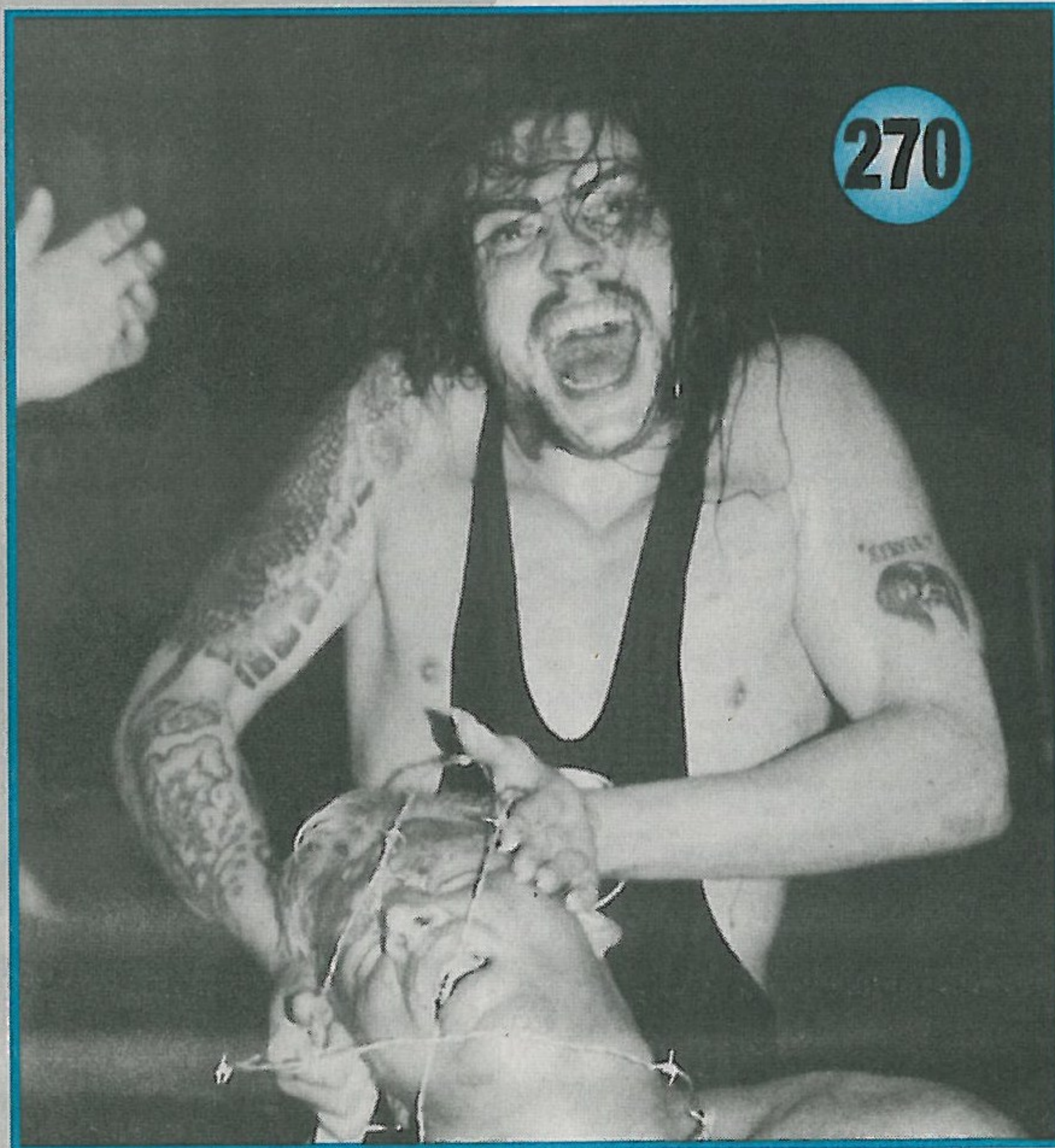
**273****STAN LEE** (6'1", 220, 7, 274) "Pretty Boy" is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina ... Loves to wear beautifully decorated robes ... Fans in the South don't appreciate his ultraviolent ways ... Has held many regional singles titles.

**274****THE COLORADO KID** (6'3", 236, 3, 200) This youngster is the heavyweight champion of North American All-Star Wrestling (formerly Ozark Mountain Wrestling) ... Although the Nashville native is still in the early stages of his career, he has scored big wins over veterans Cactus Jack, Tommy Rich, and Buddy Landell.

**275****JUNKYARD DOG** (6'3", 305, 17, 219) This old dog still learns a new trick from time to time ... Regularly competes in the National Wrestling Conference ... Also competes in independents throughout the United States ... Still thinks clearly after years of using head as primary weapon ... Ever-popular with the fans.



Headhunter II in mid-air



Yoshi Kwan loves to inflict pain

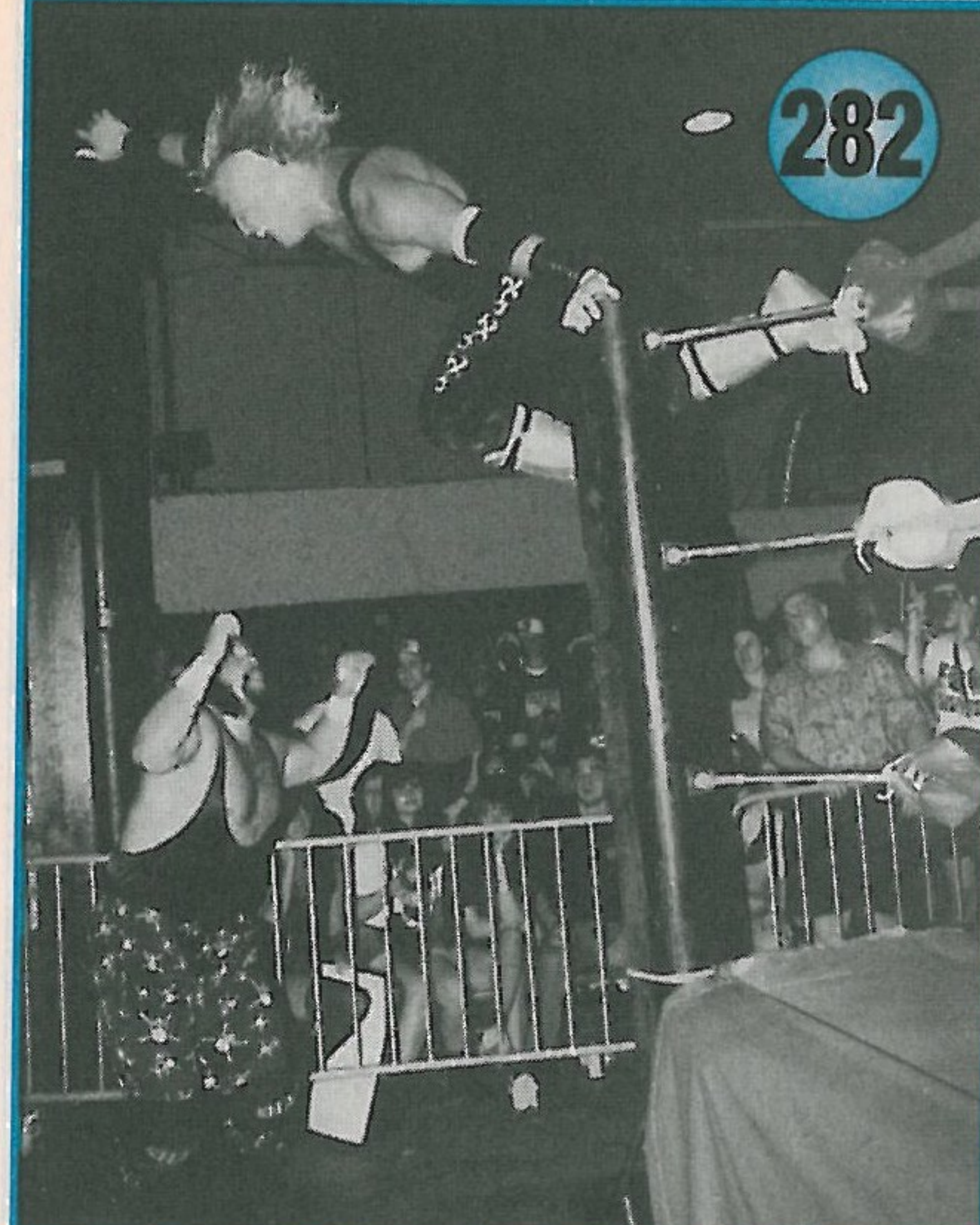
**276****HORACE BOULDER** (6'2", 240, 6, 333) Competes regularly in Japan, where he has held the FMW tag team title with Sabu ... Also moderately successful in the Florida independents ... Hulk Hogan's nephew, but he hasn't said whether he agrees with some of the controversial things his uncle has done and said recently ... Look for him to show up in WCW soon.

**277****ROCKIN' RICO** (6', 220, 4, 334) Former ACW U.S. champion has migrated north from the Florida independents to New Jersey ... Trained by Duane Gill and Axl Rotten ... Currently wrestling in the NWA, New Jack City Wrestling, and other area independents ... Born in New York, but was raised in Puerto Rico ... Veteran of the Gulf War.

**278****KING KALUHA** (5'10", 245, 12, 285) Veteran of East Coast independents is originally from Hawaii ... Former Pacific champion is all business inside the ring ... Not afraid to bend or break the rules ... Has feuded with Johnny Gunn for several years.

**279****THE PINK ASSASSIN** (6', 232, 12, NL) This eccentric wrestler is a top contender to the Century Wrestling Alliance lightweight title ... From Fire Island, New York ... With a name like that, has to work twice as hard to be taken seriously.

**280****BOB ARMSTRONG** (5'11", 227, 29, 272) Since Smoky Mountain Wrestling shut down, this former SMW commissioner has started competing more regularly in Mid-South indies ... Still likes to wrestle alongside his sons ... Unsuccessfully tried to take over the USWA earlier this year ... Who could forget his long feud with Jim Cornette?



Vampire Warrior's soaring in the Sunshine State

**281****ASHLEY HUDSON** (5'11", 205, 2, NL) Young USWA competitor has fared well in recent months ... Has yet to rise above the mid-card level, but has much promise ... Solid wrestler with good technical skills, but needs to gain experience.

**282****VAMPIRE WARRIOR** (6'3", 256, 8, 211) Creepy, fanged wrestler is now disturbing the peace of Sunshine Wrestling Federation ... Married to the even creepier Luna Vachon ... Also competes in several other independents along the Eastern seaboard of the U.S., and in Japan ... Left ECW after feuding with Tommy Dreamer over Luna.

**283****THE RENEGADE** (5'10", 256, 2, 245) Hulk Hogan once said he would lead "Hulkamania" into the 21st century, but that was definitely asking too much of him ... Made wise move by removing Ultimate Warrior-like face paint ... Fading fast in WCW ... Definitely needs a lot of improvement if he expects to stay in WCW.

**284****RAY GONZALES** (6', 230, 6, 102) Top competitor in Puerto Rico's WWC ... Can wrestle on the mat with the best athletes in that promotion, but would rather take a high-flying approach to matches ... Former WWC tag team champion.

**285****ACTION JACKSON** (6'2", 300, 12, 278) Popular native of Texarkana, Arkansas, is competing in Deep South independents ... Has held several tag team belts in Mid-South independent ... Also competed in Puerto Rico for a while.

**286****KILLER KYLE** (6'2", 292, 8, 223) Yet another former Smoky Mountain competitor that has had to look elsewhere in Tennessee to find competition ... Served as Jim Cornette's bodyguard in SMW and feuded with Boo Bradley ... Is faring reasonably well on his own, but could use some guidance.

**287****DREAM KILLER** (6'1", 280, 5, 302) Being traded from manager Floyd Broffman to the stable of Miss Naja Viper seems to have affected him in a bad way ... Many believe he has lost the killer instinct that made him the longest-reigning NCW Quebec champion of all-time ... Was an NCW tag team champion this year with Phil Belanger, but they lost the belts to Wild Thing.

**288****LA LEY** (6'2", 244, 6, 181) Mainstay in Puerto Rico ... A member of Carlos Colon's clique ... Helps him keep order in the brutal rings of the WWC ... Name means "the law," and that is what he intends to enforce.

**289****SCOTTY MCKEEVER** (6'1", 220, 4, 266) A regular in many Mid-Atlantic independents ... Former ICW tag team and Mid-Atlantic champion ... Also regularly appears in WCW, but hasn't had much success there.

**290****JIMMY DEL RAY** (5'11", 225, 7, 77) Has gone solo since former Heavenly Bodies partner Tom Prichard "zipped" back to the WWF ... "Gigolo" is a solid scientific wrestler who's not afraid to spill a few pints of blood ... Former tag team champ in

SMW and USWA has wrestled extensively in Japan ... Almost fully recovered from a shoulder injury, and has wrestled in a few matches in Southern independents this summer ... Great moonsault.

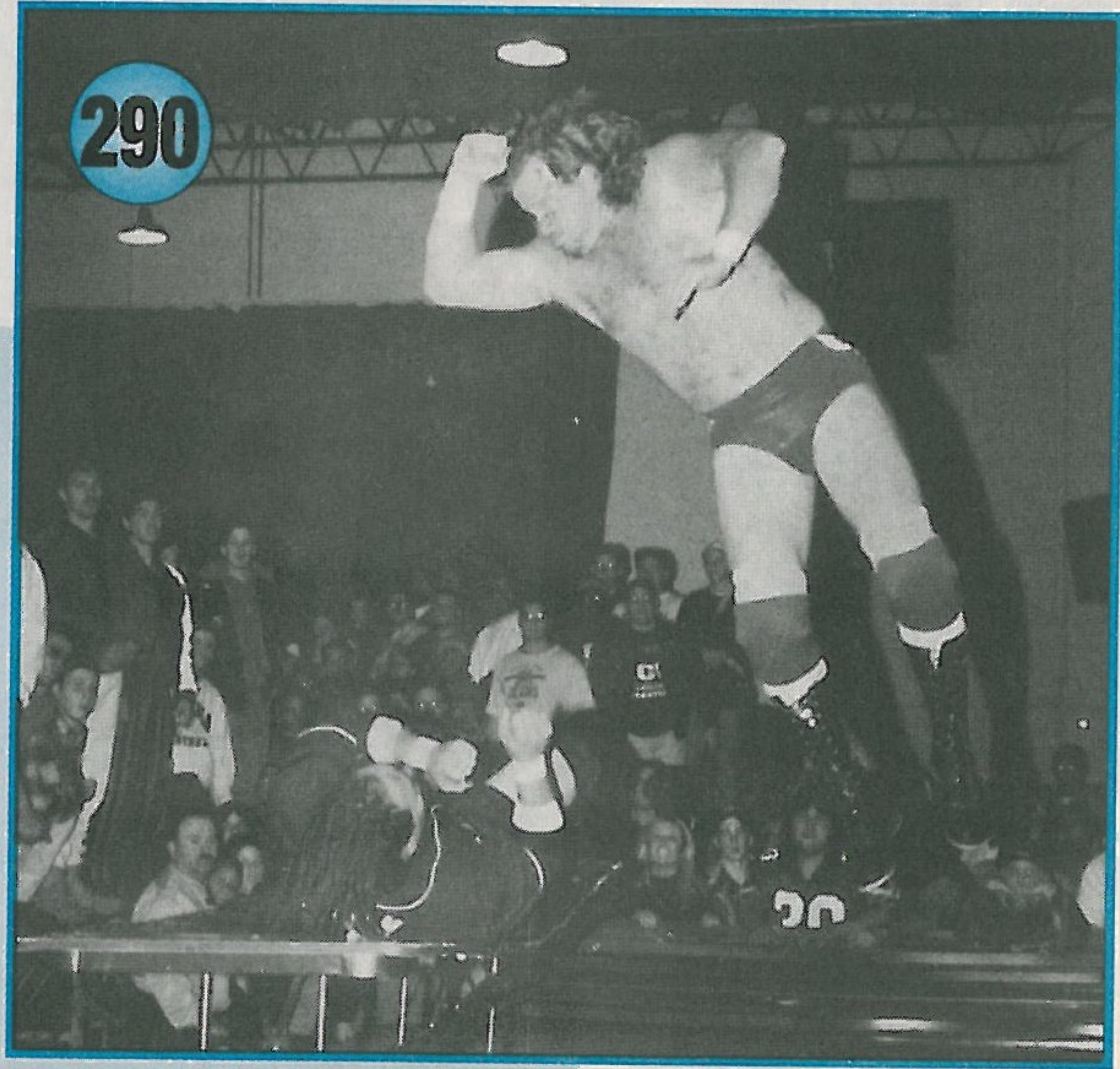
**291****ROD PRICE** (6'2", 265, 7, 326) Competing in Southern independents, as well as in Texas ... Had a few matches in the WWF earlier this year ... Newly shaven head makes him resemble former tag team partner Steve Austin ... Former Global mainstay.

**292****MOONDOG SPIKE** (6'2", 344, 7, 319) He and Moondog Spot have resurfaced once again in the USWA ... Won the USWA tag team title even though they have almost no scientific skills ... Lack of ability doesn't mean he isn't always ready for a good fight.

**293****THE NEW TIGER MASK** (5'10", 230, 6, 298) Not the original, but hopes to someday be just as good ... Japanese wrestler who is extremely popular in Mexico ... Always wears colorful masks and outfits in the ring ... May run into problems now that the original Tiger Mask is back.

**294****BARRY HOROWITZ** (5'10", 227, 17, 288) Never really capitalized on his upset victories over Skip last year, though the WWF did give him his share of fame by putting his likeness on a T-shirt ... Was a winner before he entered the WWF, though, as he twice won the Global Wrestling Federation light heavyweight title in 1992 ... Still capable of pulling off upsets.

**295****D-VON DUDLEY** (6'1", 260, 2, NL) The latest in a long list of Dudleys that have wandered into ECW ... Doesn't much like Dudley patriarch "Big" Dick and has vowed to take over leadership of the family ... Feels it is his Dudley duty to make a man out of Bubba Ray.



"The Gigolo" is flying solo



**296 STEVE LOMBARDI** (6', 233, 11, 239) Veteran competitor of the WWF has never risen above mid-card status ... Despite his lack of success in the WWF, the "Brooklyn Brawler" is quite popular with fans on the independent circuit ... He has been defeated by some of the best in wrestling ... Was managed at one time (briefly) by Bobby "The Brain" Heenan.

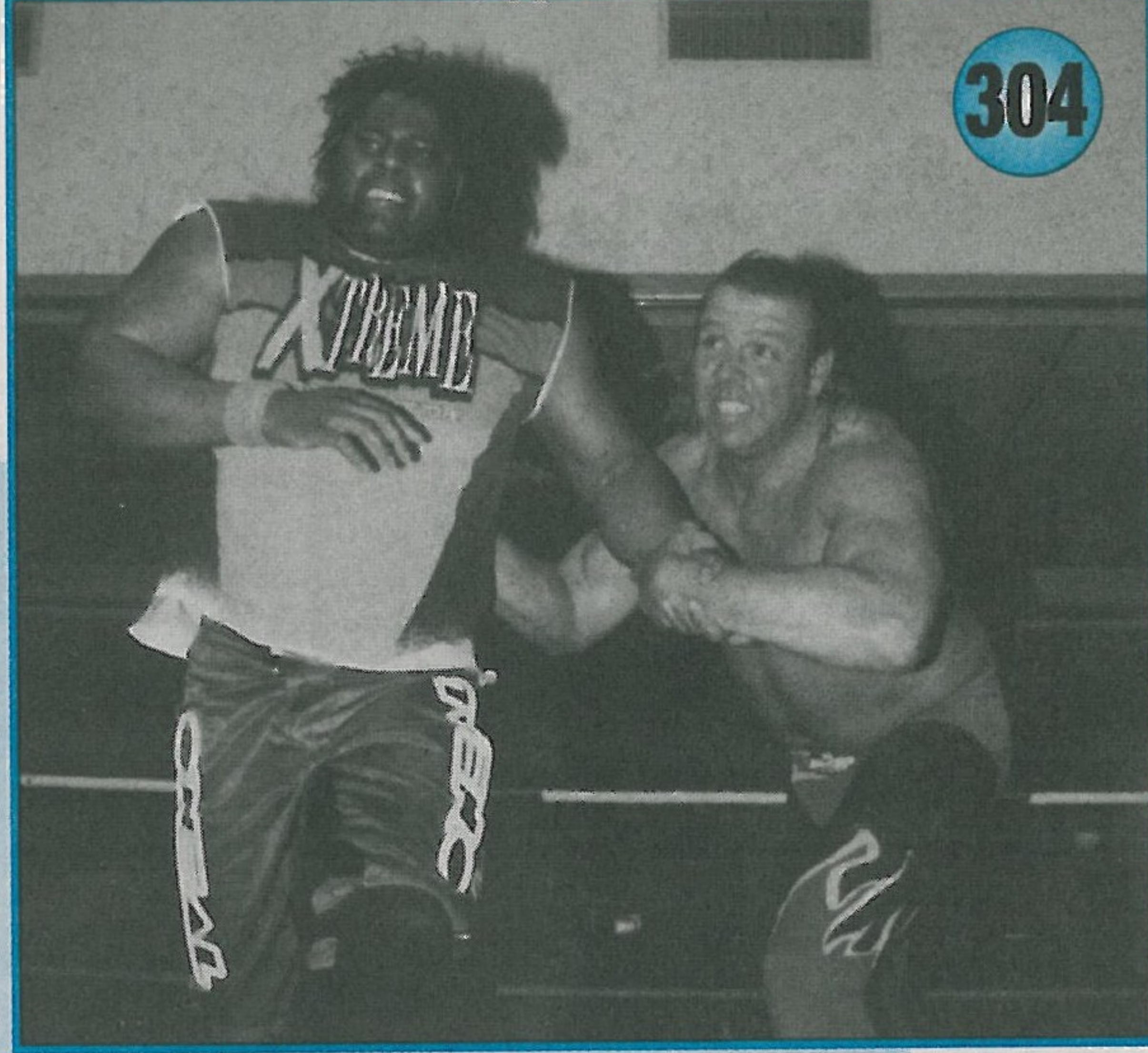
**297 MIKE SAMPLES** (6'2", 252, 5, 225) Currently competing in Circle City Wrestling ... Successful on the independent scene for years ... Very calculating wrestler ... Has also wrestled in the USWA.

**298 ICEMAN** (6', 180, 2, 312) This NCW sensation has quickly become one of NCW's most popular wrestlers ... Many feel he'll be the next great wrestler to come out of Quebec ... Currently a co-holder of the NCW tag team title with mentor Frank Blues.

**299 911** (6'7", 310, 3, 250) Sabu's former bodyguard in ECW ... Likes to wrestle handicap matches against two or more opponents ... Choke-slam has finished off many opponents ... Recent matches against Bam Bam Bigelow in IPW have resulted in no-contests ... Believes his choke-slam is more devastating than The Giant's and would love a chance to wrestle him.

**300 STEVE McMICHAEL** (6'2", 268, 1, NL) This retired Chicago Bear is taking a shot at wrestling in WCW ... "Mongo" was a surprise choice as the fourth Horseman ... Spent first nine months in WCW working as a broadcaster ... Turned against Carolina Panther Kevin Greene during a match against Ric Flair and Arn Anderson at The Great American Bash ... Competes almost exclusively in tag teams.

**301 BOB BACKLUND** (6'1", 234, 23, 55) Two-time former WWF World champion ... Career seems to be coming to an end ... Lost his mind after losing a match to Bret Hart in 1994 and has been a rule-breaker ever since ... Had strongly considered running



The Hater whips Derrick Dukes into the ropes

for President ... Occasionally wrestles in Windy City Wrestling ... He and The Iron Sheik now manage The Sultan in the WWF.

weight title ... Not the greatest technical wrestler, but he finds ways to win a good percentage of his matches ... Lost only professional boxing match by second-round knockout.

**302 EL MASCARADO** (5'10", 228, 8, 277) Popular Mexican star is a native of Puerto Rico ... Has held the CWA light heavyweight title ... Tries to emulate his hero, Mil Mascaras, by wearing colorful masks and outfits to the ring.

**303 SILVER KING** (5'11", 221, 11, 301) Trained with Dr. Wagner and Angel Azteca ... Held the IWGP junior heavyweight title three times ... Has wrestled throughout the world ... Lost his mask to El Hijo del Santo in 1987.

**304 THE HATER** (6'4", 265, 7, 216) Possibly the most despised wrestler in the Twin Cities area ... Has a fitting name ... A foulmouthed rulebreaker ... Formerly known as The Punisher ... Has feuded with Tommy Ferrara, among others, over the last few years.

**305 VAMPIRO CANADIENSE** (6'3", 235, 7, 294) "Canadian Heartthrob" wrestles mostly in Mexico, ECW, and Japan ... Held the UAW heavy-

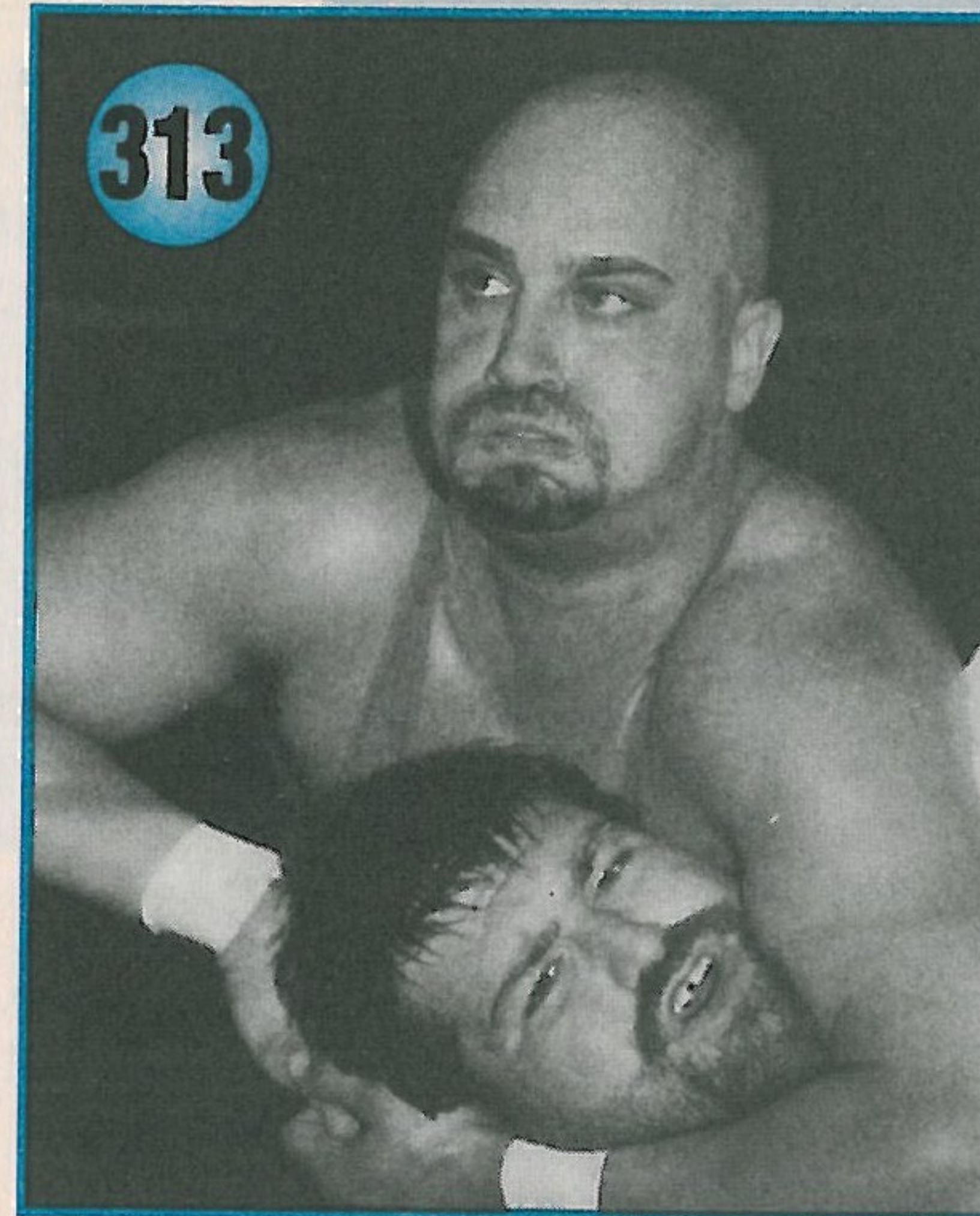
**306 WAHOO McDANIEL** (5'11", 250, 35, 269) This ageless Native American is a veteran of dozens of organizations ... Still active in the Mid-Atlantic independents ... Has announced retirement many times, but just can't seem to walk away from the ring ... Former NWA U.S. champion and pro football player ... An avid fisherman.

**307 MOONDOG SPOT** (6'2", 289, 20, 299) The other half of the Moondog team in USWA ... He and Spike came from nowhere to win the USWA tag team belts ... Has been around for many years, but hasn't learned many skills other than hitting people with his dog bone.

**308 FRANK BLUES** (6', 170, 10, 336) Currently holds the NCW tag team championship with Iceman ... Together, they're known as Wild Thing ... Head injuries slowed him down last year, but he has made a nice recovery ... One of the most popular men in NCW.

**309 T.C. REYNOLDS** (5'11", 225, 10, NL) "American Patriot" recently returned to Steel City Wrestling after a lengthy absence ... Immediately resumed feud with Lord Zoltan ... Has held several belts, including USWL heavyweight title.

**310 "BIG" DICK DUDLEY** (6'3", 285, 3, NL) The leader of the Dudley clan in ECW ... Has returned to action after suffering a serious knee injury ... Is helping the other Dudleys in their feud with half-brother D-Von ... Quite intimidating ... Oldest Dudley brother (we think) has become sort of a dysfunctional father figure to most of the rest of the clan.



Cicero locks up the competition

**311 REX KING** (5'11", 240, 9, 309) Competes regularly in Southern independents ... A tag team specialist, he found most of his success as the partner of Steve Doll ... Has held the USWA, PNW, and WWC tag team belts ... Good skills, but he needs to find another regular partner.

**312 BOB ORTON JR.** (6'1", 245, 24, 137) The wild Texan is still competing on the independent circuit ... Briefly teamed with Don Muraco ... Originator and master of the top-rope suplex ... A former WWF star ... Still has what it takes to beat a lot of wrestlers younger than him.

**313 JIMMY CICERO** (6'1", 245, 5, 470) Former co-holder of SCW tag team title as member of the Rat Pack, Cicero is now focusing more on singles and doing well ... Had a great series of matches with SCW champion Chris Stevenson ... Good technical skills, but can also brawl with the best in SCW ... Also wrestling in MEWF and IPWA ... Trained by Ivan Koloff.

**314 TIMBER THE LUMBERJACK** (6', 250, 4, NL) Current Mid-Atlantic Wrestling champion ... Combines rugged, brawling style with plenty of high-risk maneuvers ... Has also competed in other independents in North Carolina and surrounding states.

**315 PAUL ZINE** (6', 260, 7, NL) Mainstay in Century Wrestling Alliance ... West Roxbury, Massachusetts, native ... Insists on being called "Prime Time" ... Is a top contender to the CWA heavyweight belt.

**316 HACK MYERS** (6'2", 269, 5, 337) Mid-card ECW brawler has quite a fan following ... Ringside fans often mimic his "Shah," the grunt made by Myers when he chops an opponent ... Besides ECW, he also wrestles in several other independents in and around Pennsylvania.

**317 JESSE BARR** (6', 243, 15, 293) Regularly competes in the Pacific Northwest independents ... Has also competed as Jimmy Jack Funk ... Bulldog headlock is still effective ... Son of Sandy Barr.

**318 PHIL BELANGER** (6', 180, 10, 343) Still the most hated and experienced man in NCW ... Has been both NWC Quebec champ and tag team champ with Dream Killer in the last year ... He and Dream Killer lost a haircut match to Iceman and Frank Blues at NCW's ChallengeMania IV card ... Always has the beautiful Naja Viper in his corner.

**319 CHARLIE NORRIS** (6'7", 290, 8, 307) Full-blooded Chippewa Indian is a regular in Minnesota's Pro Wrestling America and other Midwest independents ... Held the PWA tag team belts with Derrick Dukes ... Briefly competed in WCW, but never made much of an impact ... Good tomahawk chop.

**320 SUPER NOVA** (5'11", 227, 2, NL) Very popular in North East Wrestling, but

has drawn the ire of ECW fans by joining Raven's camp ... Defeated Johnny Handsome to win the NEW light heavyweight title in March, but the title was held

up after a rematch in May when Abbudah Singh interfered and tripped Nova, which led to him getting pinned ... Above-average aerial wrestler ... Recently tried to attack Shane Douglas after Douglas' match against Raven, but was soundly beaten by "The Franchise."

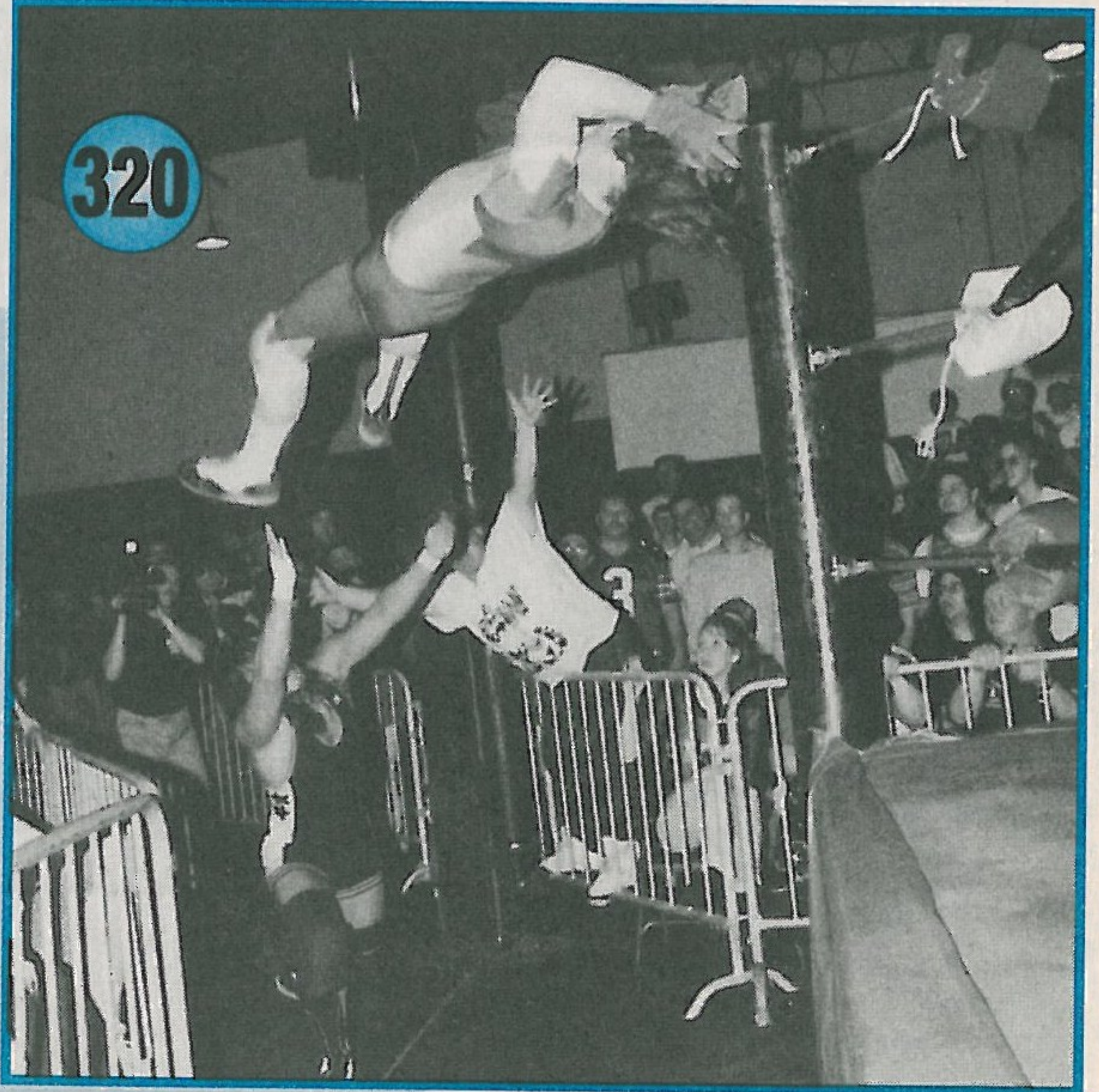
**321 MASKED MANIAC** (6'3", 300, 3, 352) One of the most powerful men in the PWF ... Has acted on the TV show *Learning The Ropes* ... Technical skills are limited ... Has also worked as a stunt double ... Bearhug is still feared by many PWF wrestlers.

**322 GORGEOUS GEORGE III** (5'10", 225, 5, 151) Claims to be the grandson of the original Gorgeous George, but has never offered any proof ... Competes regularly in the Mid-Atlantic independents ... Has also wrestled in the USWA and SMW.

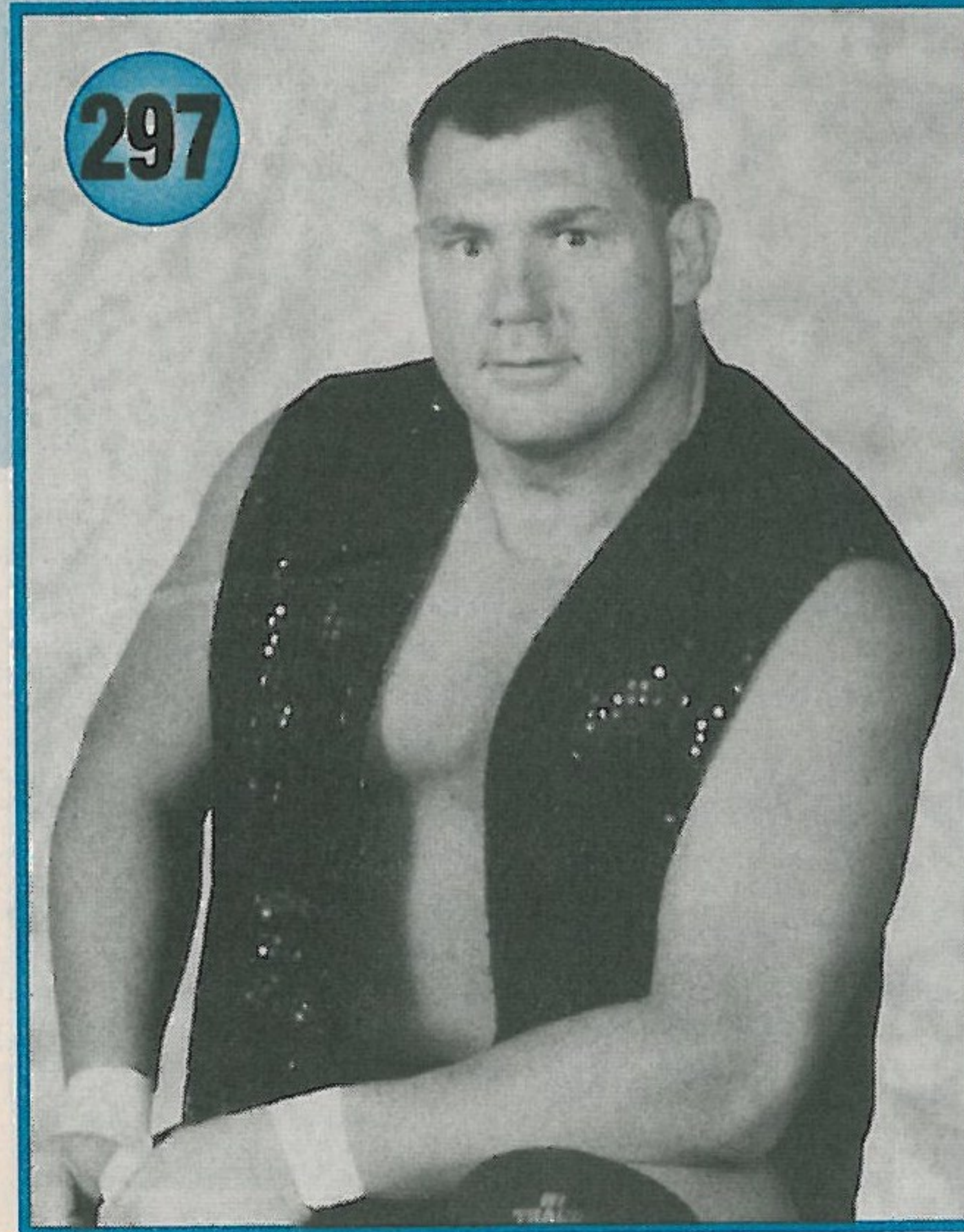
**323 GEZA KALMAN JR.** (5'10", 297, 3, NL) Master of many submission holds ... Feuding with NWA champ Dan Severn in BCW ... Veteran of UFC VII and UFC X competitions ... Catch phrase is, "No one can run with the 'Big Dawg.'"

**324 BOBBY CLANCY** (5'5", 220, 5, 376) Diminutive BCW star recently made a successful comeback after being sidelined seven months with various injuries ... Added considerable bulk in an attempt to make a run at the BCW heavyweight title ... Better off in tag teams.

**325 JAMES STONE** (5'9", 201, 4, 416) Known as "Little Guido" in ECW ... Teams with Full-Blooded Italian partner J.T. Smith ... Started his amateur career in junior high school and was trained for the pro game by Mike Masters ... Frequently competed in Japan's now-defunct UWFI.



Super Nova soars in ECW



Circle City mainstay Mike Samples



**326** **JUSTIN ST. JOHN** (6'2", 237, 2, NL) Two-time North American All-Star Wrestling champion ... Defeated The Colorado Kid to regain title with assistance from referee Paul Adams, but Kid has since gotten the belt back from him ... Now managed by Paul Adams... Trained by Larry Sharpe... Arrogant rule-breaker claims to be the "sexiest man on the planet."

**327** **YAR** (5'11", 230, 1, NL) One-half of the former NWA U.S. tag team champions with fellow Lost Boy Wolf ... Trained by Larry Sharpe at the Monster Factory ... Also competes in several other Mid-Atlantic independents ... Mean, with solid aerial skills ... Just don't ask him for directions.

**328** **RICK DEEZEL** (6'2", 215, 7, 368) He and partner Brian Danzig are the current AIWF tag team champions; they have also held the All-Pro tag title ... Wrestles for several independents in Virginia, Tennessee, and the Carolinas ... Has a good clothesline ... Is hated by most fans, but is loved by the Martinsville, Virginia, faithful because he hosts a wrestling talk show on a local station ... Is happy that Kevin Nash is now using his real name.

**329** **RUSSIAN ASSASSIN II** (6'2", 243, 9, 357) Still carries Soviet flag everywhere he goes ... Madd Maxxine is his manager, but he is occasionally advised by Paul Jones ... "U.S.A.!" chant really upsets him ... Not afraid to use his trusty chain to help him get a victory.

**330** **NIKOLAI VOLKOFF** (6'7", 280, 27, 226) Left the WWF several years ago after working as Ted DiBiase's lackey ... Now wrestles in several inde-



Deezel uses any available weapon

pendents throughout the U.S., including the IWA ... Has slowed down a lot over the years, but he is still quite powerful.

finisher ... Has a real evil streak ... Doesn't take much to get him angry.

**331** **BENSON LEE** (5'10", 200, NA, NL) Since breaking away from manager Notorious Norm, he has been feuding with Masahiro Panic ... Broke several fingers in baseball bat matches against Panic ... Well-rounded.

**332** **BAMM BAMM COALSON** (6'5", 365, 7, NL) Currently a co-holder of the Mid-Atlantic Wrestling tag team title with "Ringbuster" David Renegade ... Wrestles in various North Carolina independents ... Has experience in Southern States Wrestling and Southern Championship Wrestling.

**333** **JOHNNY LIGHTNING** (5'11", 250, 6, NL) One-half of tag team called Southern Comfort ... Strong mat skills, but also likes to use aerial moves ... Quick and agile ... Likes to use a savate kick as a finisher.

**334** **WOLF** (6', 210, 1, NL) The other half of The Lost Boys, who are former NWA U.S. tag team champions ... Trained at the Tri-Star Wrestling Alliance training school ... Moonsault is his favorite

**335** **TIM HORNER** (5'10", 235, 16, 311) This Morristown, Tennessee, native has wrestled extensively in Japan ... Very quick ... Still occasionally appears in WCW ... Has held several singles and tag team belts in various Southern promotions ... Former SMW mainstay.

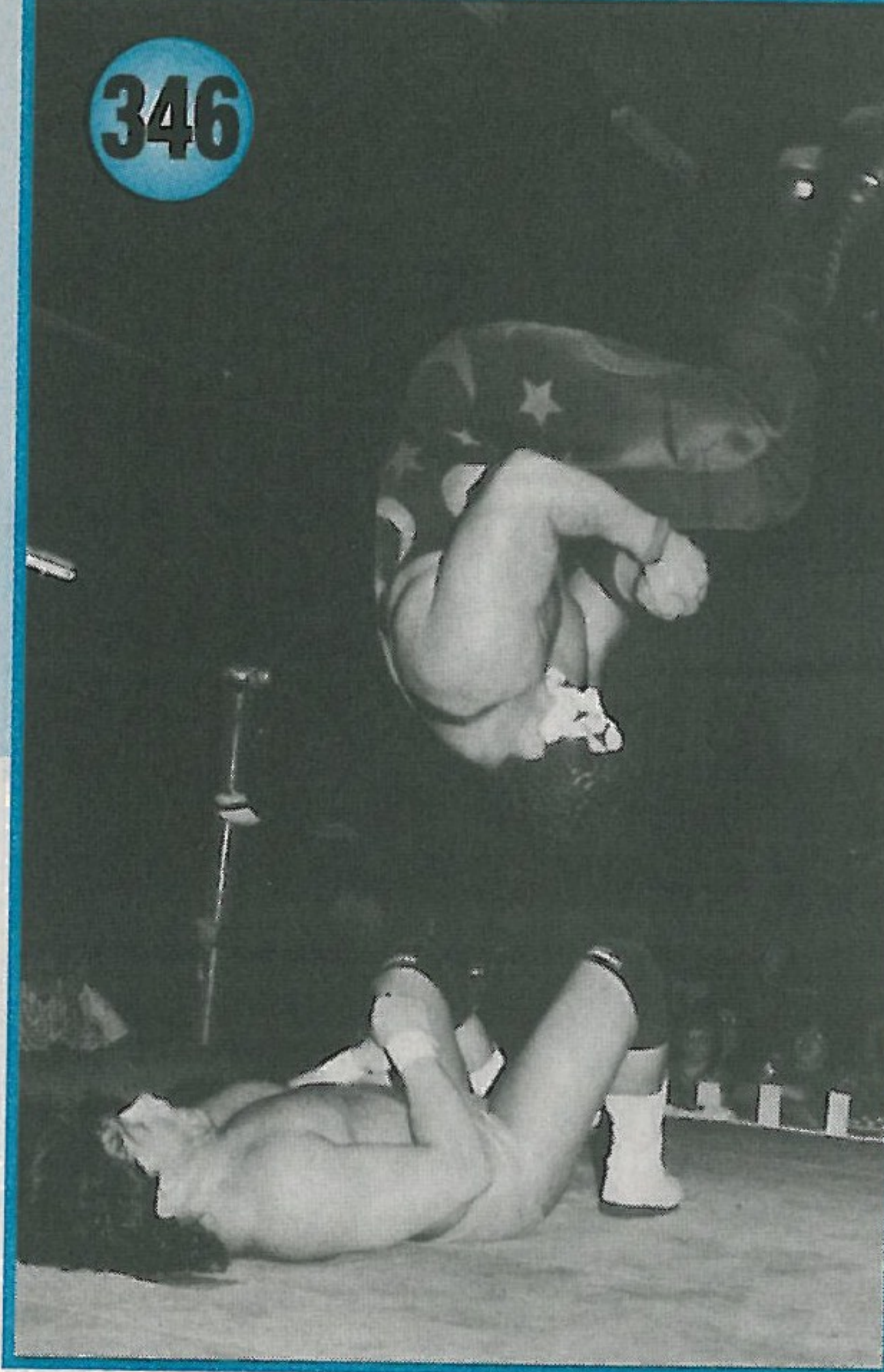
**336** **DAVID RENEGADE** (6', 365, NA, NL) One-half of the Mid-Atlantic Wrestling tag team champions with Bamm Bamm Coalson ... Has wrestled in several promotions in the Carolinas ... Has an extensive martial arts background ... Was a bouncer and bodyguard before turning to wrestling.

**337** **RICK CONNERS** (6', 232, 33, 342) A true veteran of Southern independent rings ... Not liked by fans anywhere ... Competes in a lot of brass knuckle bouts ... Brags that he knows every dirty trick in the book (we can't even find the book!)

**338** **DAVE KELLER** (5'9", 185, 1, NL) One of the most popular junior heavyweights on the East Coast ... Recently defeated Reckless Youth to win the PCW junior heavyweight title ... Very good mat wrestler ... Was attacked during a PCW card by Mr. Bob Backlund, who put Keller in his chicken wing ... Keller's determination and will to win make up for his lack of size.

**339** **THE NEW ONE MAN GANG** (6'7", 430, 7, 347) TWA's largest grappler ... Uses mammoth splashes to finish off opponents ... Says his opponents are nothing more than "greasy spots" on the mat when he gets done with them ... Claims to be 10 times more devastating than the original OMG ... Managed by Mad Jack.

**340** **THUNDER MORGAN** (6'2", 268, 5, 398) Bald brawler from Detroit has dominated the ASWA over the past year as heavyweight champion ... Managed by Ed Deadly ... Even though he is a rule-breaker, he has earned the fans' respect.



Spellbinder is magically devious

**341** **KEITH HART** (5'6", 210, 10, 341) A native of Sevierville, Tennessee ... No relation to the Calgary Hart family ... Competes for several Southern independents and has held numerous titles ... Uses his martial arts skills well.

**342** **BRUISER MASTINO** (6'1", 401, 4, 235) This big, hulking man is making his way through the Eastern independents ... Formerly known as Mantaur in the WWF, he was Jim Cornette's "half-man, half-beast" ... Left the WWF for ECW, but didn't last long there ... A pure brawler.

**343** **TONY RUMBLE** (6'4", 250, 11, 386) Century Wrestling Alliance mainstay ... Involved in a violent feud with former partner Tony Atlas ... Former CWA New England champion ... Has wrestled throughout the East Coast independents ... Known as the "Boston Bad Boy" for good reason; he almost never wins a match cleanly.

**344** **BLACK BEAR** (6'1", 302, 6, 385) Former NCW Quebec heavyweight champion ... Relinquished the title after other personal commitments forced him to leave NCW ... Respected by almost everyone in NCW ... One of three wrestlers to have held all three original championships in that promotion.

**345** **KID COLLINS** (6', 221, 11, 369) Willy veteran has held the ASWA lightweight belt for more than three years ... Managed by Ed Deadly ... Uses his experience to outwit younger foes ... One of his hobbies is collecting poisonous fish.

**346** **SPELLBINDER** (6'4", 273, 4, 179) Has returned to the USWA to continue making his magic ... Wrestled briefly in the WWF two years ago, but didn't beat anyone of significance ... Very deceitful ... Was once a close ally of Sid Vicious in the USWA.

**347** **SCOTTY SUMMERS** (6'1", 252, 6, 340) "Hot Body" is a pupil of Charlie Fulton ... Has wrestled in WCW and ECW ... Co-holder of the MCW tag team title for almost two years ... Is slowly recovering from rib and neck injuries suffered at the hands of Johnny Paradise.

**348** **ZEBAKIAH** (5'11", 224, 23, 220) Came to the WWF as the manager of Eli and Jacob Blu, but is now the manager of Justin Bradshaw ... Don't underestimate Zeb; he is an accomplished veteran who has wrestled all over the world and has held many regional titles ... Carries a branding iron and uses it on Bradshaw's beaten foes.

**349** **BO DACIOUS** (6'1", 240, 5, 351) Waging war against manager Ed Deadly's stable in the ASWA ... Especially enjoys wrestling ASWA champion Thunder Morgan ... Also involved in a brutal feud with Lumberin' Jack ... Very intelligent wrestler who knows how to control the pace of a match.

**350** **GOLEM THE GIANT** (6'8", 298, 2, NL) NCW Rookie of the Year for 1995 ... Has improved a great deal in his second year ... Guided by

crafty woman manager Naja Viper ... Won the vacant NCW Quebec championship in a tournament final by beating The Chameleon ... No NCW wrestler has been fined more often for hitting referees, ring announcers, and promoters.

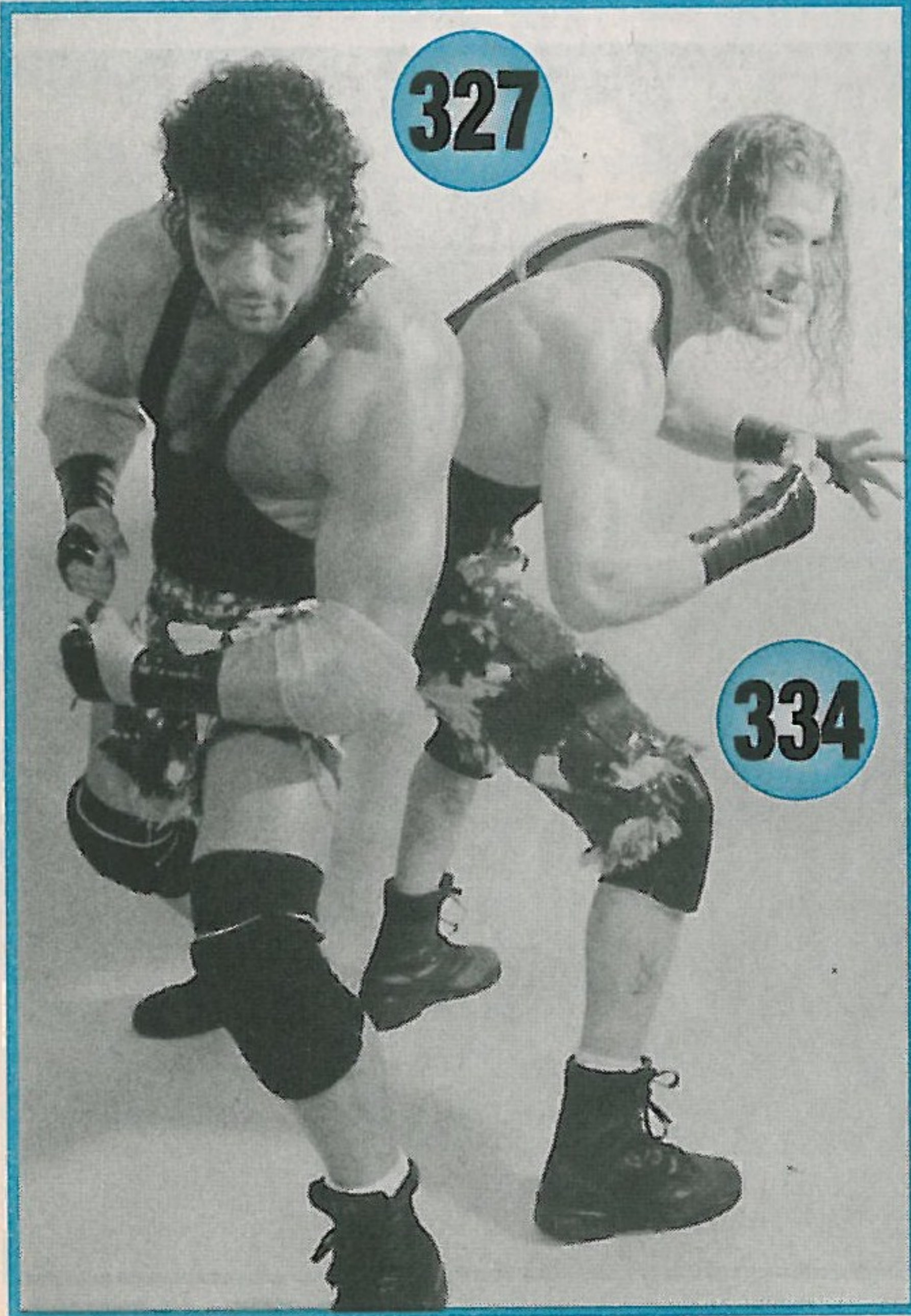
**351** **GUIDO FALCONE** (6'4", 284, 8, 344) Top competitor in numerous Texas independents, including Continental Wrestling Alliance ... Often teams with Vito Mussolini ... Former Global Wrestling Federation tag team champ with Mussolini ... Capable all-around wrestler.

**352** **LENNY LANE** (6', 230, 2, NL) The "Luscious One" claims to hail from both the "Heavens Above" and the Virgin Islands ... Current NPW champion is the crown jewel of Plumbtree Enterprises, the organization headed up by manager Mortimer Plumbtree ... Solid technical wrestler.

**353** **TIM BLAZE** (6'2", 242, 4, NL) One-half of The Hollywood Dream Team, with Brian Bruise, in Alternative Championship Wrestling ... Dream Team now holds the ACW tag team championship ... Competes in several other Mid-Atlantic independents ... Traded valet Brandi Wine and \$10,000 for current manager Ripley Von Slam ... Has defeated both Jimmy Valiant and Buddy Landell in ACW.

**354** **MAJOR DeBEERS** (5'11", 280, 18, 356) The controversial South African continues to infuriate many Southern Championship Wrestling stars with his racist comments ... Former GAWF TV champion ... Managed by the evil Count Grog ... Has feuded with "Iceman" Mike Murphy and Jimmy Valiant ... Often uses a heart punch as a finisher.

**355** **CAROLINA DREAMER** (6'4", 230, 2, 415) Former PWF heavyweight and tag team champion ... Still being trained by Italian Stallion, with whom he teams regularly ... Quick, but still makes a lot of mistakes ... Has a very good dropkick ... Probably too young to be feuding with the wily George South.



Yar and Wolf are headed in the right direction in the NWA



DeBeers and Grog are a devilish duo in SCW



**356 DAVID JERICHO** (5'11", 210, 2, 429) Began his career wrestling as The Crow ... Uses a lot of martial arts and aerial moves ... Wrestles in various Southern independents and backs down from no one ... Occasionally teams with Ricky Morton.

**357 MARK MEST** (6'1", 385, 5, 388) Former PCW heavyweight champion ... Member of a PCW rulebreaking clique known as Stud's Stallions, a group led by manager Judd the Stud ... Turned against brother Troy at Judd's urging, but recently lost the PCW belt to him ... Has had some spirited battles with Bam Bam Bigelow ... Finishing move is sidewalk slam.

**358 NIGHT RIDER** (6'1", 270, 9, 464) Top contender to the Sunshine Wrestling Federation heavyweight belt ... Claims to be the "King Of The Battle Royal" ... Trained by Kenny Mack ... Cincinnati native.

**359 JIMMY DEO** (6', 252, 9, 202) "Maniac" was one-half of the PCW tag team champions Assault and Battery until partner Maxx Crimson turned against him last year ... Defeated Crimson the same night they split up ... Big, powerful wrestler is loved by fans ... Occasionally teams with Ray Odyssey ... Recently left PCW.

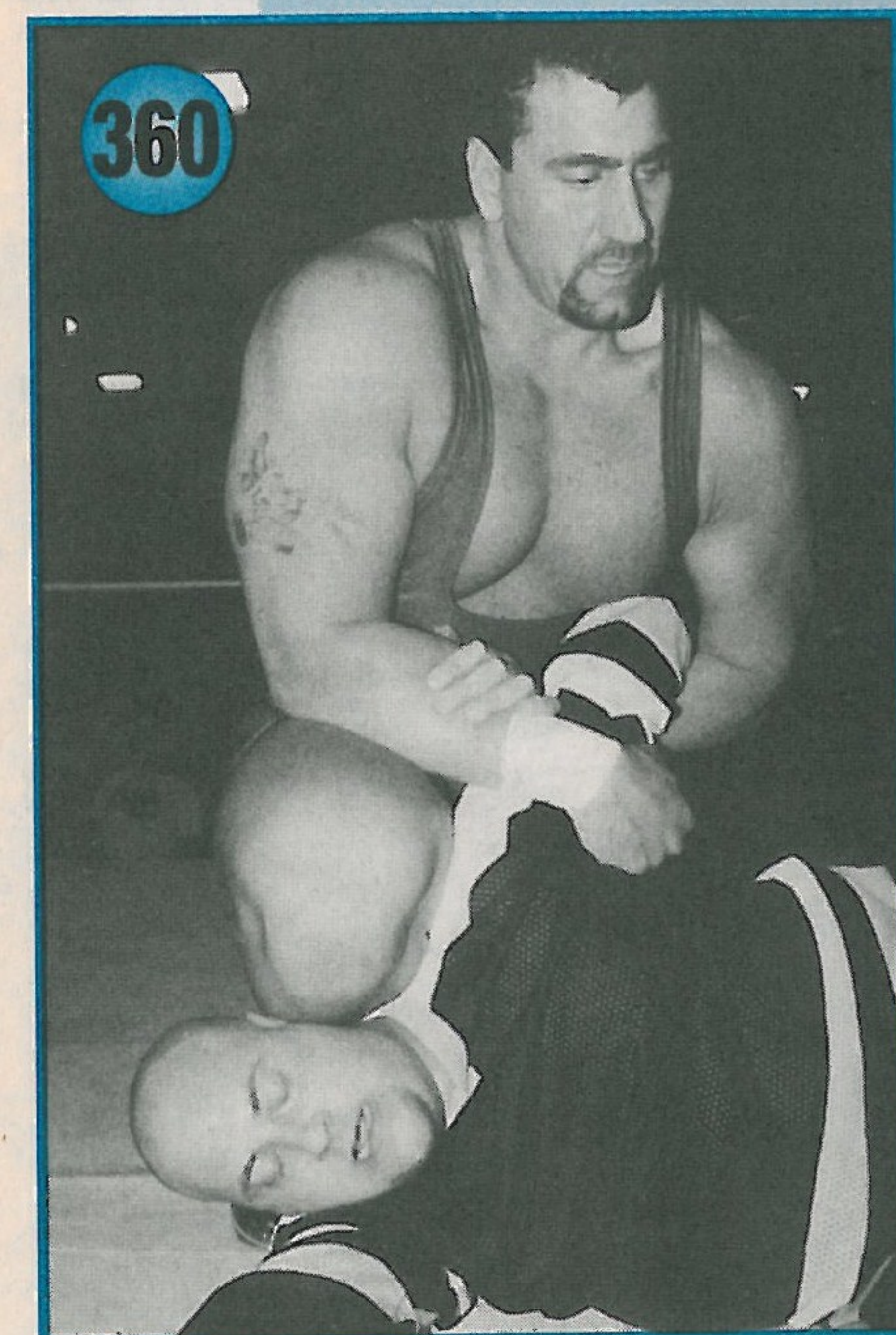
**361 JERRY GREY** (6', 250, 15, 360) "Golden Boy" has competed all over the world, but now wrestles almost exclusively in World Pro Wrestling, where he is the heavyweight champion ... Has held several regional titles throughout the United States ... Not too quick, but quite smart.

**362 GINO CARUSO** (6'1", 235, 8, 364) Self-proclaimed "Mr. Italy" is a former ECPW, UWL, and New England States champion ... Has wrestled mostly on the East Coast, but also from time to time in the Caribbean Islands ... Has teamed with David Sammartino as The Italian Connection ... Now feuding with Rick Martel and Metal Maniac.

**363 RECKLESS YOUTH** (5'8", 183, 1, NL) High-risk aerial attack consists of a wide assortment of dropkicks, bodypresses, planchas, and topes ... Add in Youth's penchant for rulebreaking and you have one of the top young junior heavyweights

**366 METAL MANIAC** (6'2", 268, 5, 365) This relatively young veteran has competed throughout the U.S. ... Also has extensive experience in Japan and in Singapore ... Involved in a long-running feud with Jimmy Snuka ... Possesses underrated strength ... An accomplished musician.

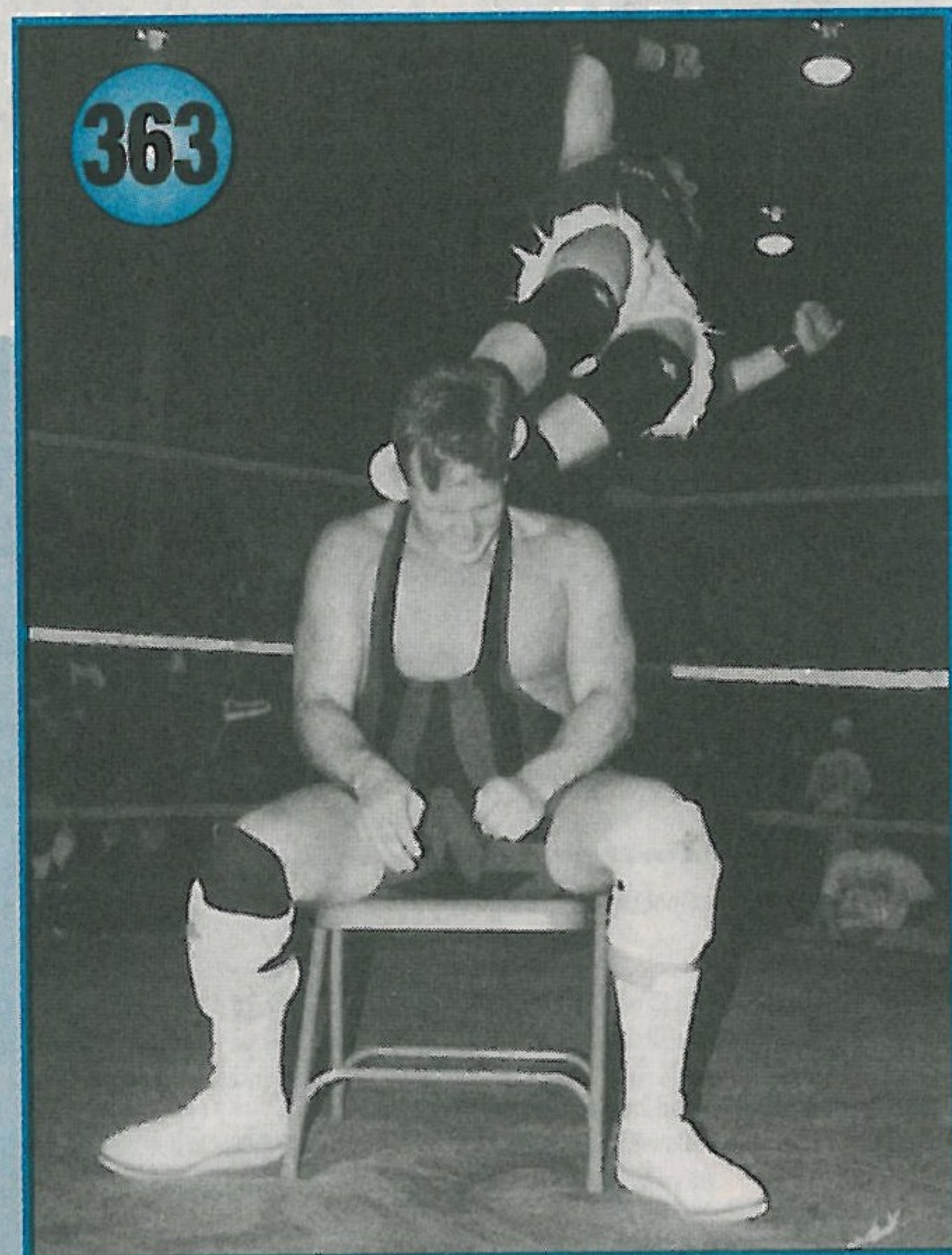
**367 MADD MAXXINE** (5'9", 190, 2, 315) The only female wrestler to be ranked in this year's "PWF 500" ... Current PWF junior heavyweight champion ... Had a hard time finding men to wrestle this year ... Manages Russian Assassin II ... Wears face paint, which is probably a good thing.



Carnera is an awesome sight

**360 PRIMO CARNERA III** (6'7", 303, 12, NL) "Italian Giant" is an awesome sight, but is a bit slow and not very agile ... Has used his overwhelming size and strength to defeat many opponents ... Has been taken to the limit in recent matches against King Kong Bundy.

**365 JACKIE FULTON** (5'11", 225, 8, 472) Competing regularly in Mid-Atlantic independents and in Japan ... Often teams with older brother Bobby ... While not as "Fantastic" as his brother, Jackie is still a good wrestler in his own right.



Reckless loves high-risk moves

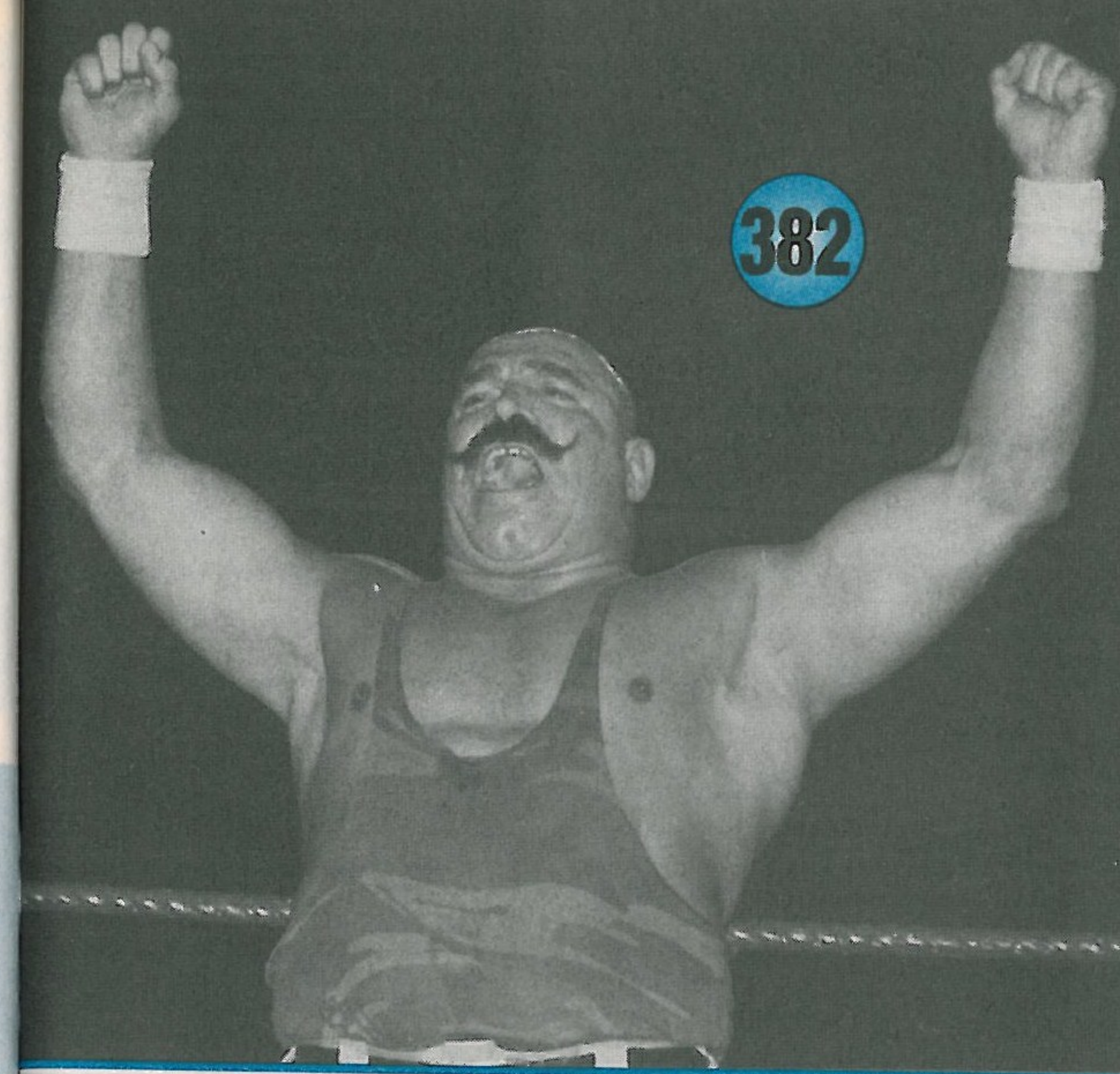
around ... Wrestles mostly in Northeast independents.

**364 JEFF LINDBERG** (6'3", 225, 4, NL) "Young Lion" has held the Slammers Wrestling Federation belt five times, most recently regaining it from "Beautiful" Bruce Beaudine ... Made his debut in Slammers in 1991 and has never left ... Native of Bakersfield, California ... Favorite hold is the figure-four leglock.

**368 MAXX CRIMSON** (6'2", 250, 3, 374) "Outlaw" was a former PCW tag champ with Jimmy Deo ... A member of Judd the Stud's rulebreaking clique in PCW ... Regularly uses bullrope and cowbell on opponents ... Feuding with Cremator ... Claims to have been banned from wrestling in 32 states.

**369 TONY DIVITO** (5'11", 247, 10, NL) Popular veteran from Newburgh, New York, is currently competing in North East Wrestling ... Stuck in a wild feud with Abbudah Singh ... Had his hair cut by Singh, manager Eddie Reality, and Skip after one match ... Very resilient ... Basically a brawler, but he has surprised opponents with dropkicks, moonsaults, and a very effective spinning savate kick.

**370 JOHNNY PARADISE** (6'1", 275, 6, 350) Former co-holder of the MCW tag team title with Scotty "Hot Body" Summers ... Seriously injured Summers' neck after splitting with him ... Concentrating on singles competition now ... Once held the ICW Northern states title ... Once had his hands set on fire by Papa Shango.



Iron Sheik is back to terrorize the WWF

**371 "TURBO" ERIC FREEDOM** (5'11", 211, 6, 389) This high-flyer has a strong fan following ... Has wrestled The Road Warriors, Jake Roberts, Nailz, and Skinner in the WWF ... A former co-holder of the Wisconsin tag team title.

**372 MANNY FERNANDEZ** (6', 245, 17, 329) "Raging Bull" is still going strong in Eastern and Southern independents ... Feuding with Wahoo McDaniel in Alternative Championship Wrestling ... Former NWA World tag champ with Dusty Rhodes and with Rick Rude.

**373 OTIS APOLLO** (5'11", 256, 5, 394) Current Border Cities Wrestling/Motor City Wrestling TV champion blends speed and power better than anyone else in those promotions ... Once-despised "Arrogant" Otis is slowly earning back the fans' respect since he fired his manager, The Gypsy.

**374 CORPORAL PUNISHMENT** (6', 240, 2, NL) Rough and tough masked man breaks rules left and right and has little regard for warnings, fines, or possible suspensions ... Has feuded with Johnny Gunn all up and down the East Coast ... Has both feuded with and teamed with Axl Rotten ... Currently the Mid-Atlantic heavyweight champion.

**375 MR. EXCELLENT** (6', 212, 4, NL) Former IWA, ACW, and South Atlantic tag team champion ... Feuding with Ricky Morton and Dale Porter ... Has extensive martial arts experience ... Finishing move is similar to Curt Hennig's "Perfect-plex."



Pondo pummels a bloody Ian Rotten

**376 TROY MEST** (5'10", 232, 5, 431) Recently defeated brother Mark for PCW heavyweight title and is still embroiled in a feud with him ... Solid mat wrestler has been working on moves off the top rope ... Finishing move is the bulldog.

**377 BRICK BRONSKY** (6'1", 245, 11, NL) Wrestling mostly in Northeast independents ... Previously had successful stints in old Mid-Atlantic and Calgary Stampede territories ... A member of the "Brat Pack" with partner Doug Flex and manager G.Q. Bronsky, who is his younger brother ... Appeared in a few action films ... Feuding with Frank Stalletto in the American Commonwealth and Int'l Pro Wrestling.

**378 DEATH ROW #3260** (6'3", 280, 7, 485) Currently competes in Sunshine Wrestling Federation in Florida, where he is the top contender to the heavyweight title ... Has wrestled in ECW ... Very intimidating ... When told, "Now serving number 3259," should begin to worry,

**379 DON CARSON** (5'10", 300, 9, NL) The "Dangerous One" and partner Sebastian Kane make up The Tennessee Violence Authority ... The pair has held AIWF tag team title twice ... Four-time co-holder of the AWF Georgia tag team title ... Has wrestled in Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee ... Signature move is a spinning crucifix.

**380 DANIE BRITS** (6', 235, 13, 475) This former great amateur wrestler is now competing regularly in South Africa ... Has competed all over the world, including the WWC in Puerto Rico ... Has good speed, but questionable stamina.

**381 MOVIE STAR MIKE** (5'10", 250, 4, NL) Three-time former Slammers Wrestling Federation heavyweight champion ... Held the SWF tag team title twice with El Toro Bravo ... Favorite move is "Big Thunder" splash ... Native of Tujunga, California.

**382 THE IRON SHEIK** (6', 289, 23, 321) Former WWF World champion is back in the WWF managing The Sultan ... Held the WWF tag team title with Nikolai Volkoff ... Still competes from time to time in Japan and in IAW, where he is co-holder of the tag team title ... Feuding there with The Texas Hangmen ... Former Olympian from Iran.

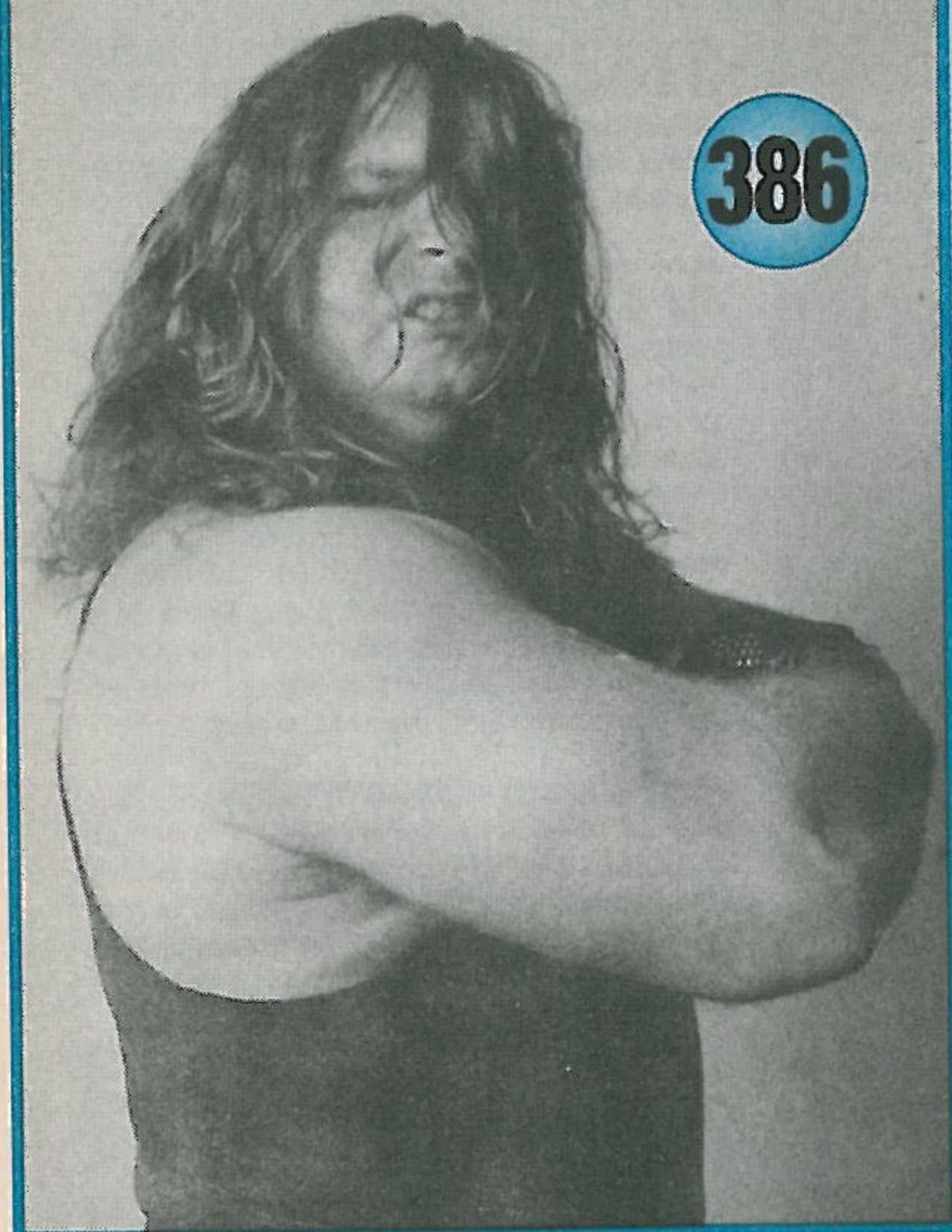
**383 MADMAN PONDO** (6', 237, 8, NL) Current Pro Wrestling International TV champ ... Wrestles in Midwest and up and down the East Coast ... Brings trash can lid to ring and frequently uses it as a weapon ... Famous for wild, bloody matches (barbed-wire baseball bat, four corners of pain, taipei death) with Ian Rotten ... Also wrestles for the NWA and IWF, where he is managed by Lady Vendetta.

**384 JOHNNY SWINGER** (5'10", 228, 3, NL) Cocky and brash, this young Border Cities Wrestling athlete has the talent to back up the attitude ... Impressed many with strong showing in WCW matches last year ... Lacks seasoning needed to beat established stars, but that should come in time.

**385 KILLER KANARECK** (6'2", 268, 5, 387) Calls himself "Macomb County's Least Favorite Son" ... Trained by Larry Zbyszko and "Iron" Mike Anthony ... The Gypsy Army's top dog for the past four years ... More often than not, he'll use his chain on his opponent at some point during a match, even if such a move gets him disqualified.



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Jimmy's torturing opponents in the Mid-Atlantic indies

**386 JIMMY TORTURE** (6'6", 315, 2, 419) Competing mainly in Mid-Atlantic independents these days ... Previously wrestled in Florida independents ... Used to team with Guido Falcone as The Cowboys From Hell ... Has the size and the raw ability to be very good, but needs a lot more experience.

**387 CHARLIE PARKER** (6'3", 268, 1, NL) This rulebreaker is hated by almost everyone in NAASW ... Basically a brawler, although he does have some scientific skills ... Despite his ample stomach, he insists on calling himself "Pretty Boy" ... Frequent tag team partner of Justin St. John.

**388 JOHNNY HANDSOME** (5'9", 221, 5, NL) Former high school wrestling champion ... Uses a lot of high-impact suplexes, dropkicks, and bulldogs from the top rope ... Recently defeated Super Nova to win the North East Wrestling light heavyweight title ... Calls himself "Mr. Infatuation" ... Extremely arrogant.

**389 CHAMELEON** (6', 171, 2, NL) Former manager-turned-wrestler ... Shocked everyone in NCW by renouncing his rulebreaking ways after being traded by manager Naja Viper to Floyd Broffman's stable ... Three-time former NCW tag team champion ... In the middle of his third reign as Inter-city champion.

**390 MORGUS THE MANIAC** (6'3", 239, 6, 380) Bellevue State hospital is certainly not one of the most common addresses for a wrestler, but Morgus the Maniac has called it home for quite some time now ... Continues to receive therapy, but has made little progress ... Enters the ring in a straightjacket and is accompanied by a doctor and nurse ... Has little understanding of the rules and little respect for referees.

**391 JIMMY SHARPE** (6'2", 220, 7, 392) Seven-time former Tri-Star Wrestling heavyweight champion ... Durable competitor ... Enjoys breaking the rules ... Favorite move is a legdrop off the top rope ... Gets furious when fans chant, "Opie!" a reference to a character on the old Andy Griffith Show.

**392 SONNY C** (6', 262, 7, NL) "Mr. Attitude" hails from Hell's Kitchen, New York ... A member of Vinny Capelli's "Cash Money Boys" in the Century Wrestling Alliance ... Feuding with former tag team partner Knuckles Nelson.

**393 VINNIE BIONDO** (5'10", 330, 4, 400) One-half of PCW tag team champions Double Delight ... Perennial loser who has turned his career around as a tag team wrestler ... Nicknamed "Sweetheart" by his adoring fans.

**394 JULIO SANCHEZ** (6', 225, 3, NL) Newest member of Stud's Stallions ... Very cocky, but he has shown improvement in the ring recently ... Interferes in many of the matches of the other members of Judd the Stud's group ... Has wrestled in WCW a few times.

**395 LIGHTNING ROD** (6'2", 242, 5, 406) Current Pro Wrestling International heavyweight champ ... Former ICW and WWA champ ... Wrestles throughout Midwest ... Has a decent power bomb ... Feuding with Madman Pondo ... One of Dick the Bruiser's last proteges ... Has wrestled for the WWF, NWA, and AWF.

**396 J.B. TRASK** (6', 221, 11, NL) "Brentwood Bad Boy" is a former NPW heavyweight champion and charter member of Plumbtree Enterprises ... Managed by Mortimer Plumbtree ... Picked a fight with his own uncle, Kenny "Sodbuster" Jay, recently, and is now feuding with him.

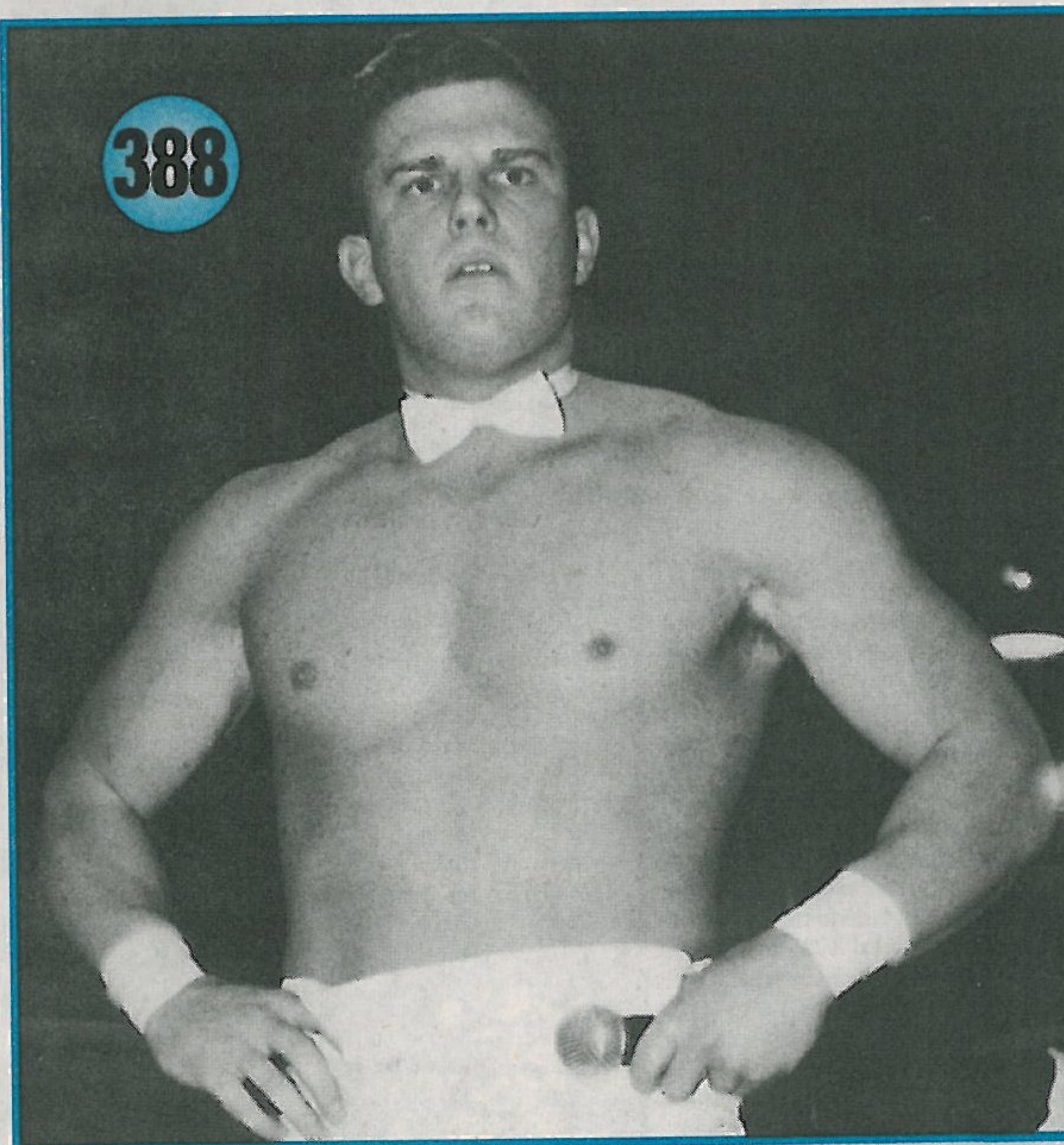
**397 STEVE STAKK** (6', 230, 6, NL) Current Cumberland Wrestling Council heavyweight champion ... Has a very bad temper ... CWC fans hate him with a passion ... Recently feuded with Mongolian Stomper over his heavyweight title.

**398 CHEF D.Z. GILLESPIE** (6', 402, 2, NL) Huge wrestler has very limited mobility, but he makes up for it with power ... Really is a chef ... Gets upset if he loses a cooking competition ... Skillfully uses cookie trays as weapons ... Finishing move is the "buns-eye" splash, which closely resembles Yokozuna's banzai splash.

**399 ADAM FLASH** (5'9", 210, 4, 484) Flash's look and daring aerial moves often remind fans of 1-2-3 Kid ... Popular light heavyweight competes throughout Pennsylvania, Maryland, and West Virginia ... Has trouble against bigger opponents ... Uses his speed to keep opponents off-balance ... Feuding with former tag team partner Quinn Nash.

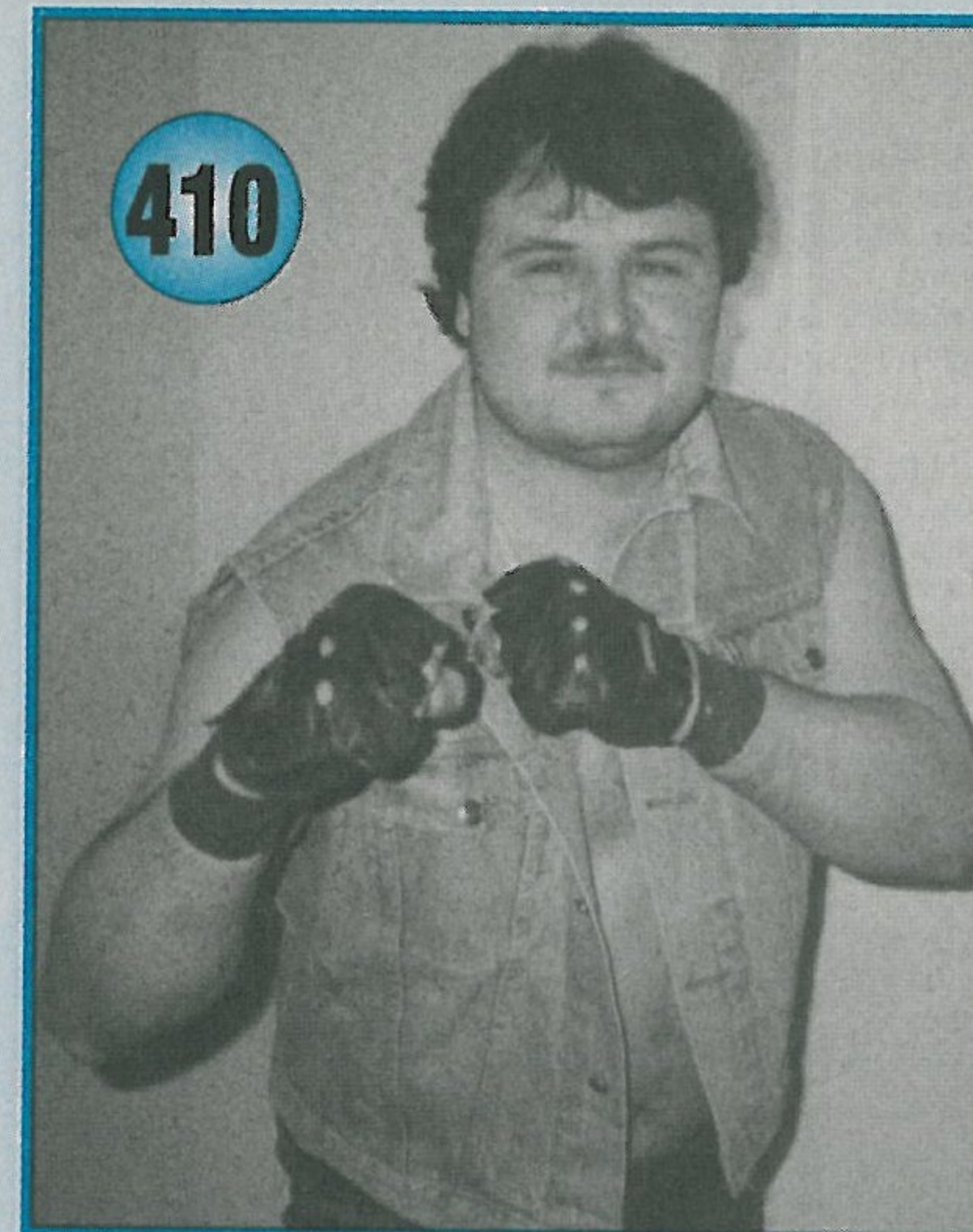
**400 BRIAN DANZIG** (6', 217, 3, NL) He and Rick Deeze currently hold the AIWF tag team title ... A two-time former AIWF lightweight champ ... He and Deeze have also held the All-Pro Wrestling tag team title ... Competes primarily in Tennessee, Virginia, and Carolinas ... Favorite finishing move is a big foot to the face and a spinning wheel kick.

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Johnny thinks the name says it all

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Syl Dancer's had a good year in NCW

**401 QUINN NASH** (5'7", 225, 4, 412) Hagerstown, Maryland, native has taken on a new aggressive attitude and is feuding with former partner Adam Flash ... Is a top contender to several light heavyweight titles in the Mid-Atlantic area ... Has had trouble against larger opponents in the past, and that might explain his recent use of more aggressive tactics in the ring.

**402 T. REX** (6'4", 275, 3, NL) Former ICW champion and current PWA tag team champ ... Wrestles mostly in Midwest independents ... Also competes in Pro Wrestling International, and AWF, and ICW ... Fan favorite wherever he goes.

**403 BOOGIE WOOGIE BROWN** (6'1", 346, 6, 480) Considers himself the "people's champion" of the ECWA ... Has held every major title in that promotion ... Currently ECWA tag team champion with Inferno Kid ... Happy go-lucky youngster is loved by fans of all ages ... Agile for a man of his size ... Finishes off opponents with his big splash.

**404 DIAMOND DAN** (5'10", 228, 8, NL) Former Pro Wrestling International tag team champ with Quicksilver ... Has a very good sunset flip ... Scientific wrestler who can brawl if provoked ... Now feuding with Quicksilver ... Trained by "Mr. Electricity" Steve Regal ... Has wrestled at WCW TV tapings.

**405 HOMBRE DE ORO** (6'1", 230, 3, NL) Two-time former Slammers Wrestling Federation heavyweight champ is now pursuing the tag team titles with partner El Toro Bravo ... Wrestles exclusively for SWF ... Signature moves are a moonsault and a "Frankensteiner."

**406 THE GIANT WARRIOR** (6'8", 310, 3, NL) Trained by Charlie Fulton ... Has feuded with Justin St. John and Bill Dundee ... Had his biggest match ever when he wrestled and lost to Jerry "The King" Lawler ... Has a dangerous swinging full nelson.

**407 THE NIGHTBREED** (5'9", 235, 7, NL) This masked man claims to hail from "The Heart Of Darkness" ... Current Mid-Atlantic Coastal champion ... One-half of The Midnight Sons with Tengu ... Martial arts expert.

**408 LUMBERIN' JACK** (6'4", 301, 5, NL) Brawler from Oregon has found a home in Ohio-based ASWA ... Began feud with Bo Dacious and clobbered him with the handle of his ax ... Finishes foes with "lumber drop" splash off the top rope.

**409 DARK STARR** (6', 235, 11, 402) Has spent entire year as ICW Mid-Atlantic champion ... Current holder of CCWA heavyweight championship ... Has been defending both belts against Swede Stone and Gorgeous George III ... Founded the Dark Starr Educational Foundation ... Dedicated Boy Scout troop leader.

**410 SYL DANCER** (6'1", 236, 6, NL) Captured NCW tag team title twice in 1996 ... Former Inter-city champion ... Won and lost Inter-city title in triangle matches with The Rebel and Cha-meleon ... A smart wrestler capable of using many different moves to put away opponents.

**411 ROMEO CATINO** (5'11", 340, 1, NL) He and Vinnie Biondo, together known as Double Delight, are the PCW tag team champs ... He and Biondo have not lost a tag team match this year ... Former Chippendales dancer ... Dances his way to ring and dances over his opponents ... Double Delight's finishing move is the double splash.

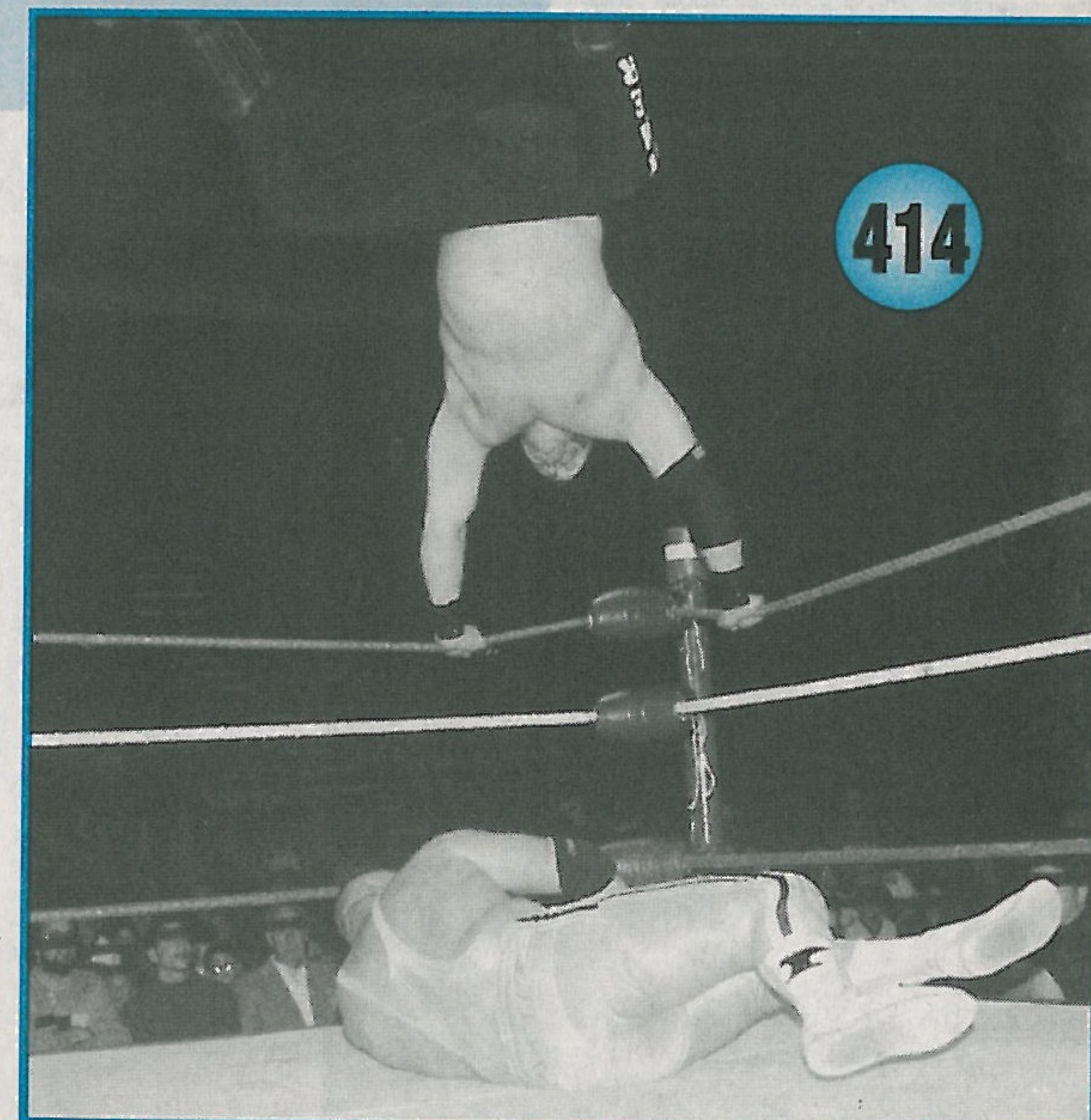
**412 J.T. LIGHTNING** (5'10", 218, 4, 420) Currently one-half of the North America tag team champions with "Outlaw" ... Once managed by "Luscious" Johnny Valiant ... Has wrestled in Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Canada, Kentucky, and West Virginia ... Tough Georgia native is a Cleveland All-Pro Wrestling mainstay.

**413 QUICKSILVER** (6', 210, 13, NL) Former Pro Wrestling International tag team, WWA lightweight, IWF tag team, and MWA tag team champion ... Has a good superkick ... Now feuding with Diamond Dan ... Got his start in wrestling when he came out of the crowd and challenged The Great Wojo.

**414 JACK HAMMER** (6'6", 325, 5, 375) Competes in Pennsylvania and New Jersey independents, including the WWWA, where he has held the heavyweight and Intercontinental belts ... Wrestled in the USWA earlier in his career ... Always has manager Diamond Mike at his side ... Was trained at the Wild Samoans Training Center.

**415 BLACK KNIGHT** (6'6", 280, 6, 396) One of the most hated wrestlers in the AIWF ... Has held AIWF heavyweight title ... Wrestles chiefly in North Carolina and Virginia ... Recently returned to the AIWF after a short absence and says he will soon reclaim his heavyweight title ... Strictly a power wrestler.

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Jack Hammer nails Jim Neidhart



**416 MAD MAX ANTHONY** (6', 241, 9, NL) This wildman has a tendency to disappear often ... Abruptly retired after gaining clean pinfall win over Sabu ... Returned to Border Cities Wrestling shortly after ... Now feuding with D-Lo Brown ... Rank 263rd in 1993 "PWf 500."

**417 MIKE LEGACY** (5'11", 218, 2, 462) Suffered through sophomore slump after holding Border Cities Wrestling tag team title as a rookie ... Has toned down his reckless ways a bit ... Now uses less high-risk maneuvers and sticks more to the basics ... Trained by Scott D'Amore and "Irish" Mickey Doyle.

**418 HORACE THE PSYCHOPATH** (5'9", 230, 5, NL) Currently wrestling in NPW ... Former inmate from St. Peter's State Mental Hospital is a high-flyer and a risk-taker ... Has held the PWA tag team title with Tommy Ferrara ... Had a short stint in the USWA a few years ago.

**419 BRUISER BENNETT** (6', 242, 7, 399) Current U.S. champion in Texas-based Texas Outlaw Promotions ... Wrestles and manages in World Class Wrestling Federation as The Mercenary ... Signature move is a heart punch known as the "Cardiac Arrest" ... Claims to be in demand by many U.S. promotions.

**420 JOHNNY WALKER** (6'1", 220, 8, 410) The "Outlaw" is one-half on Pain and Agony with J.T. Lightning ... Has wrestled in Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Canada, Kentucky, and West Virginia independents ... Currently a co-holder of the

Cleveland All-Pro Wrestling North American tag team title.

**421 MAD DOG O'MALLEY** (6'4", 430, 3, NL) Rulebreaker "from the dog pounds of Dublin, Ireland" ... Big man who uses his bulk to wear down opponents ... Surprisingly agile for his size ... Has an effective powerslam ... Defeated Morgus the Maniac in several recent matches.

**422 CALAVERA CORTEZ** (6', 207, 2, 486) Uses street smarts to best advantage ... Loves to talk trash ... Has held Border Cities Wrestling tag team title with Los Rudos partner Ricco Rodriguez for more than a year ... Los Rudos are one of the hottest up-and-coming tag teams in the Midwest.

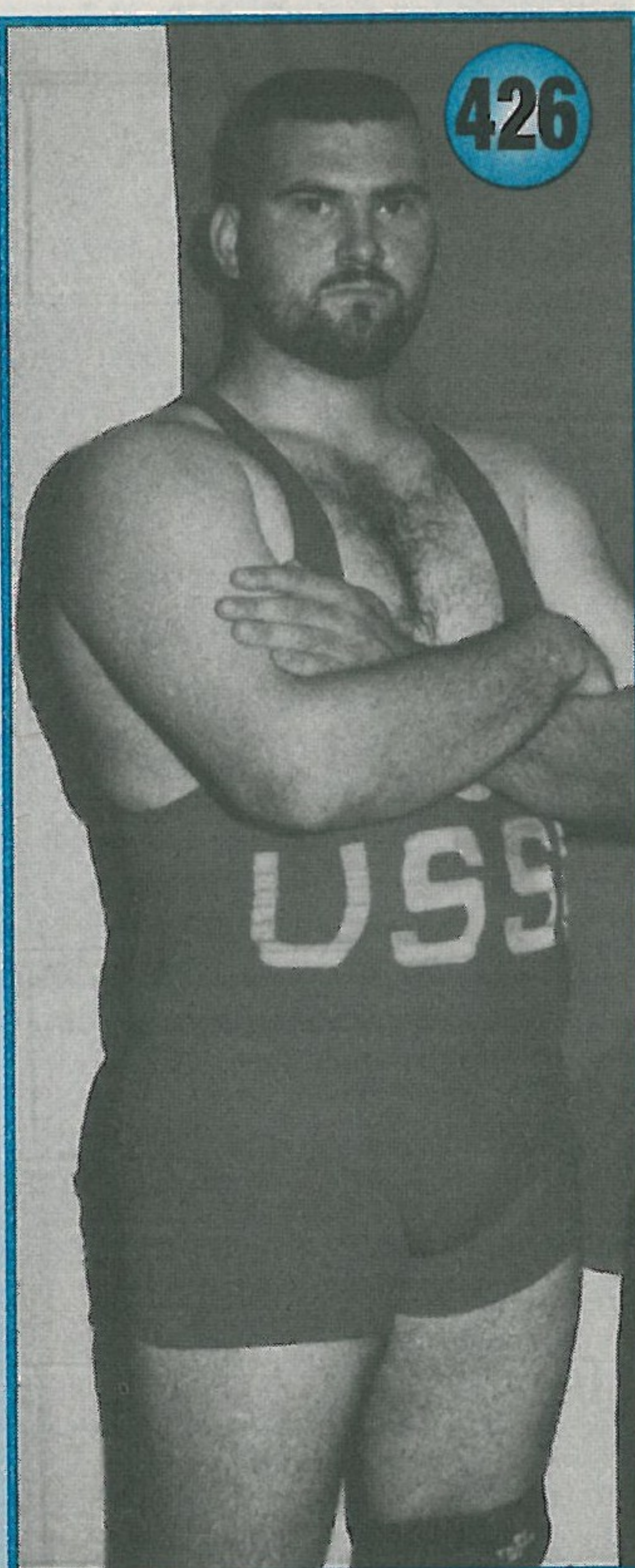
**423 SMOKY MOUNTAIN MASSACRE** (6'5", 450, 4, NL) Has been competing in Mid-South independents since the demise of Smoky Mountain Wrestling ... Rulebreaker vows to brutalize everyone who gets in his path ... Also wrestled in USWA, where he teamed with Tracey Smothers and Jesse James Armstrong.

**424 THE REBEL** (5'11", 224, 4, NL) Made an incredible transition from fan favorite to rulebreaker in NCW recently ... A favorite of many female fans ... Defeated Iceman for the Inter-city championship ... Revealed to have had a second identity in NCW when Crazy Eddie was unmasked and found to be him ... A three-time NCW Inter-city and tag team champion.

**425 CAN MAN** (5'10", 231, 4, NL) Comes to the ring with five-year-old Ms. Monica Martinez ... One of the top fan favorites in California independents ... Expects to receive shots at the AIWA heavyweight title soon ... Cannot speak, but is able to say, "can" and nod his head.

**426 BORIS DRAGOFF** (6'2", 260, 3, 397) "Russian Hitman" is managed by Count Grog ... Former SCW heavyweight champion, current GAWF TV champion ... Trained by Ivan Koloff, Boris possesses good technical skills and an ability to brawl ... Continues to feud with Chris Stevenson in SCW.

**427 RON McCLARITY** (6', 235, 7, NL) Excellent amateur wrestling background ... Was trained by Buddy Wayne ... Very good mat wrestler ... Memphis native is a fan favorite in North American All-Star Wrestling.

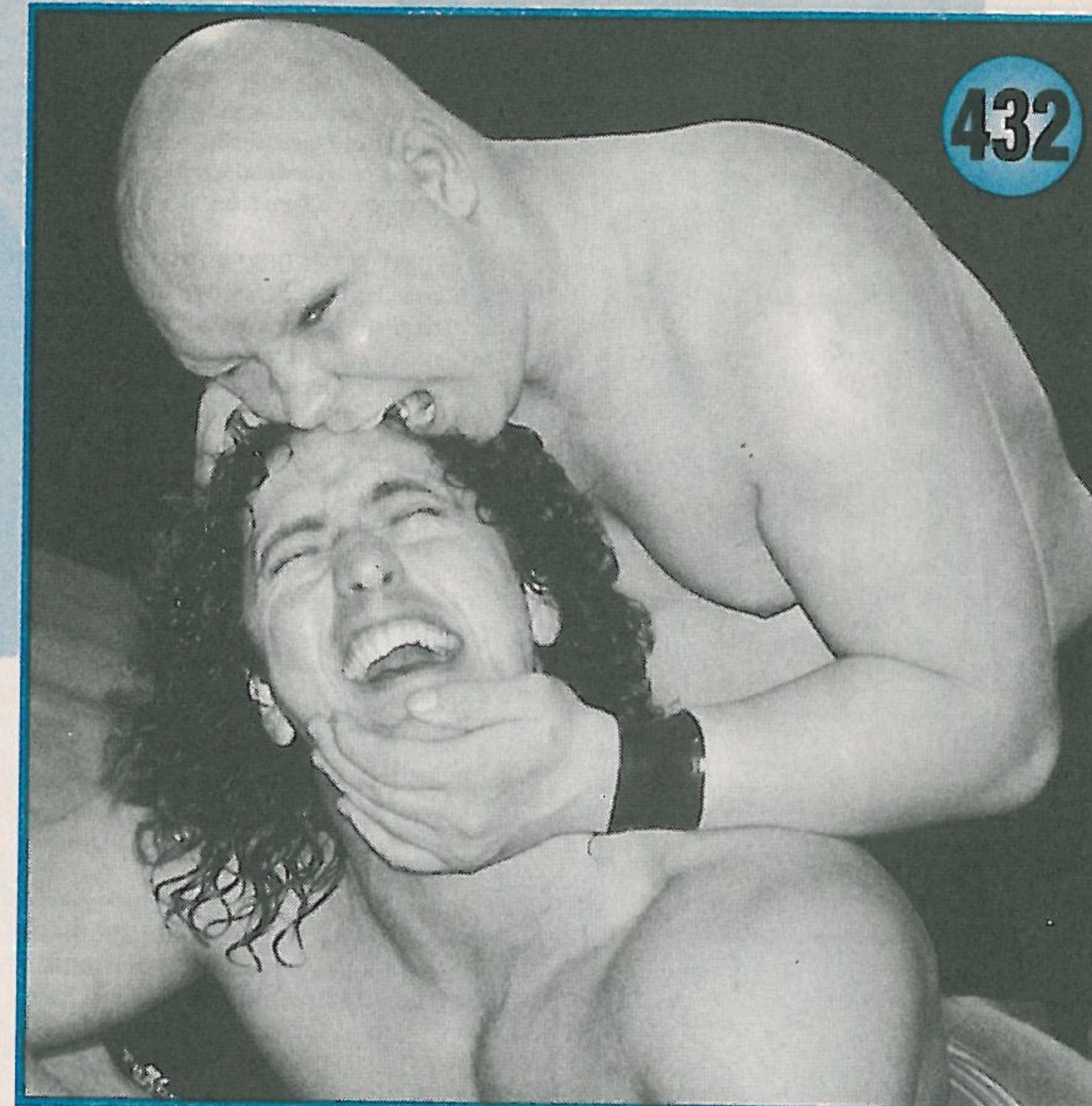


Boris is still loyal to the USSR

**428 BOUNTY HUNTER** (6'3", 310, 7, NL) Currently the CIW heavyweight champion ... Has held the CIW tag team title with "Diceman" Ronnie Vegas ... Former APW Midwest champion ... Has wrestled in Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, and Mississippi ... Is feuding with Bobo Brazil Jr., Cousin Bubba, and Andy Chain ... Managed by The Hanging Judge ... Finishes off victims with a running powerslam.

**429 RICCO RODRIGUEZ** (5'9", 201, 2, 449) Skilled high-flyer ... Allows Los Rudos partner Calavera Cortez do his talking ... Too dependent on outside interference from his friends ... He and Cortez are the Border Cities tag team champions.

**430 PRINCE PETER MAIVIA** (5'11", 215, 13, NL) This current holder of the AIWA tag team title has wrestled in Hawaii, Samoa, Arizona, Nevada, and California ... Teamed with the likes of Rocky Johnson, Jimmy Snuka, and Mando Johnson during the mid-1980s ... Occasionally teams with The Samoan Bulldog now ... One of the West Coast's top independent wrestlers.



The Gargoyle uses one of his less obscene moves

**431 DALLAS JAMES** (6'4", 253, 15, 407) Former Pro Wrestling International heavyweight champ and tag team champ with brother Austin ... Wrestles exclusively in the Midwest ... Crazy Texan ... Also wrestles for MWA, AWF, and IWA.

**432 THE GARGOYLE** (6'1", 210, 1, 453) Now uses the name Zu ... Truly the most disgusting man in wrestling ... Likes to sniff, lick, and gnaw at opponents' bare feet ... Eats his own earwax ... Renders opponents unconscious with "Gargoyle Clutch."

**433 J.B. JAMMER** (5'10", 250, 6, NL) His unorthodox style keeps opponents guessing ... Strong scientific skills ... Currently one-half of the team Southern Comfort with Johnny Lightning ... Finisher is the ball-and-chain suplex.

**434 JIMMIE LEE** (6', 212, 7, 437) Shaved the head of arch-rival Kid Collins after the biggest win of his career ... Now targeting Collins' ASWA lightweight title ... Also a professional artist.

**435 CREMATOR** (6'4", 285, NA, NL) Masked wrestler who recently turned fan favorite ... Demoralizes opponents by sitting up after getting victimized by some of their best moves ... Resembles Mike Myers character from *Halloween* movies ... Master of the burial match, which is identical to a casket match ... Favorite moves are the choke-slam and the piledriver.

**436 CAT BURGLAR** (5'10", 220, 2, 478) Wrestles while on furlough from the Maryland State Penitentiary ... Learned to fight while in prison ... Wears a mask and gloves to conceal his real identity ... Appropriately enough, was convicted on several counts of larceny and burglary ... Very competitive and very

sneaky light heavyweight who has held several titles in Maryland.

**437 EL DIABLO** (5'10", 232, 7, NL) Former MWA Midwestern champ ... Masked wrestler has been known to throw fire during matches ... Voted most hated wrestler in Pro Wrestling International ... Also competes in Mexico ... Has tagged with Madman Pondo in matches against Ian Rotten and Bull Pain.

**438 TONY PRICHARD** (6', 240, 8, 383) Seven-time former All-State heavyweight champion ... One of the nicer guys in wrestling ... Wrestles for several Southern independents ... Always gives his all in the ring.

**439 BATTLE MONKEY** (5'9", 178, 1, NL) This Steel City rookie wears a monkey mask complete with fur ... Can only be controlled with very loud rap music ... Brought into the promotion by Benson Lee to combat the interference of Notorious Norm ... Tries to emulate his hero, Rey Misterio Jr.

**440 SHERIFF STEELE** (6'3", 260, 10, NL) This wild lawman is now in Steel City

Wrestling ... Maced Johnny Gunn before an SCW title defense ... One of the most hated men in the promotion, and he claims to also be the toughest.

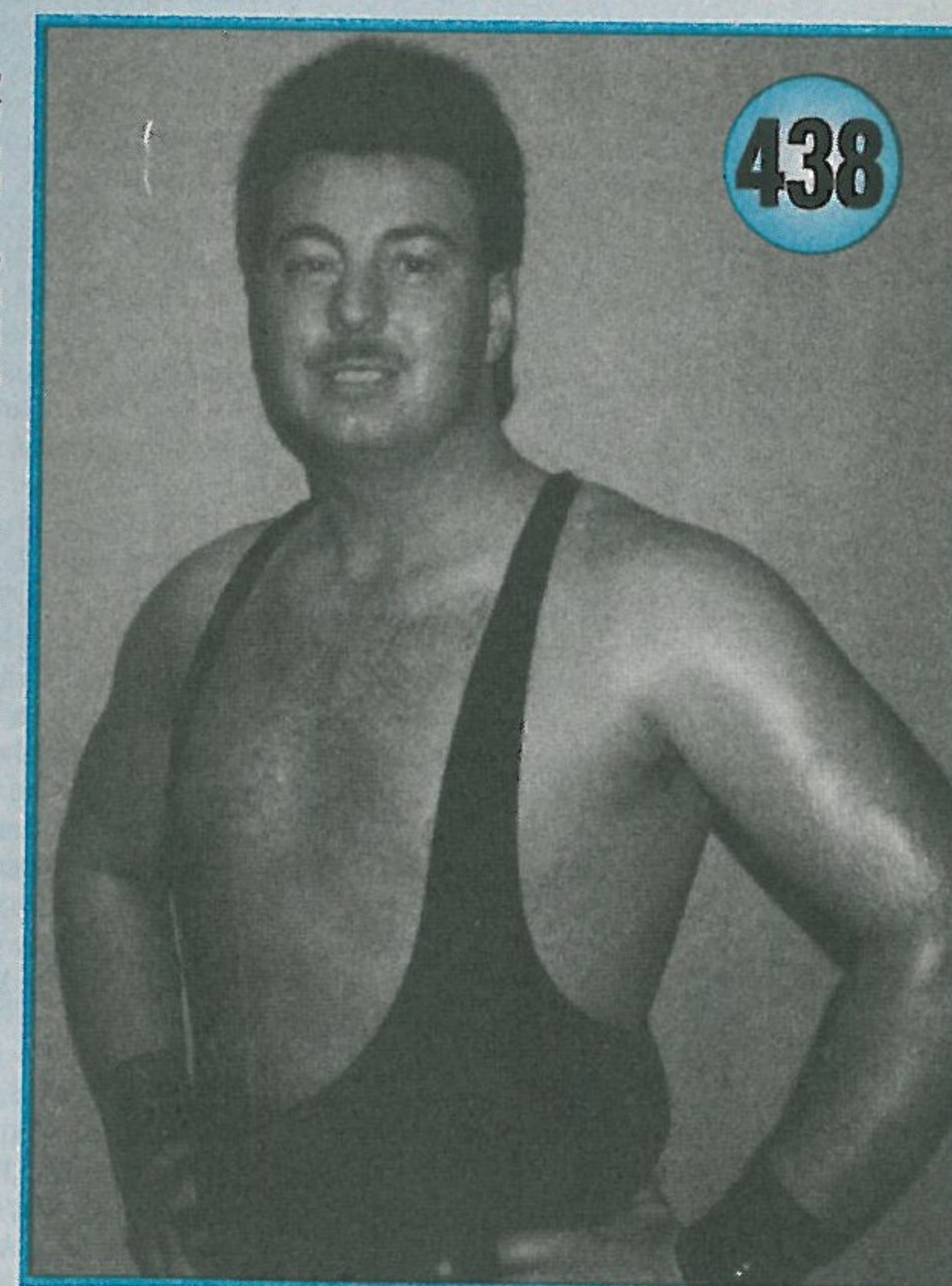
**441 CUEBALL CARMICHAEL** (6'2", 248, 13, NL) Former IPWA champion ... Wrestles in Mid-Atlantic area ... Has battled back from several serious injuries ... Currently feuding with Axl Rotten ... Finishes off opponents with a swinging neckbreaker.

**442 BULLMAN DOWNS** (6'4", 358, 12, NL) Wears horns on his head and a ring in his nose when he wrestles ... Current WCWF Texas champion ... Managed (controlled) by Tigress Lourdes ... Feuding with Mad Dog over an incident in which dog attempted to "mark his territory" on Tigress' clothes! ... Virtually impervious to pain.

**443 BIG DADDY ADAMS** (5'9", 220, 2, NL) Chicago street punk with a big vocabulary and an even bigger mean streak ... Former Renegade Wrestling Alliance heavyweight champ ... Feuding with "Wildcat" Jamie Jackson in several Michigan independents.

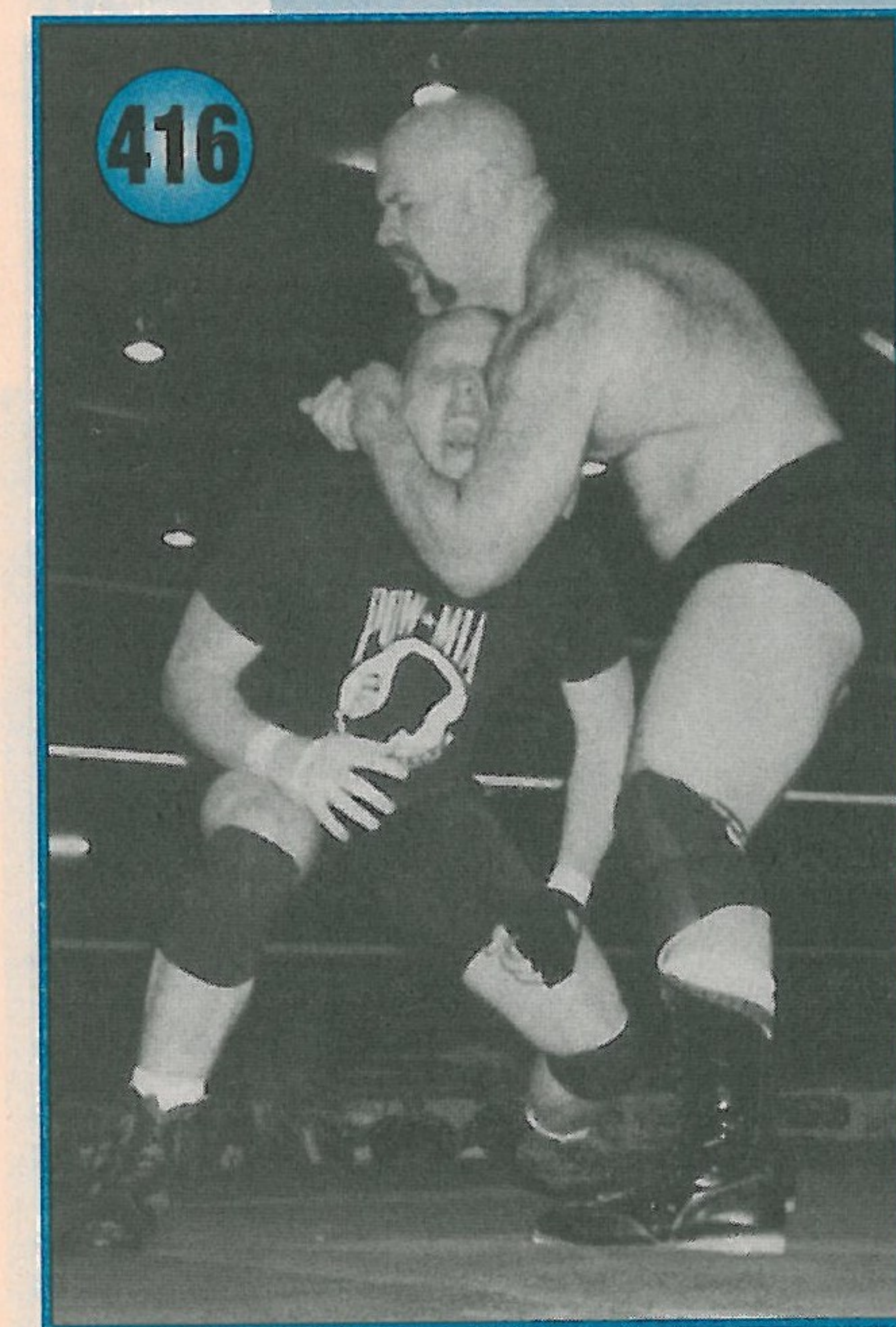
**444 NOTORIOUS NORM** (5'10", 197, 3, NL) Not only is this guy a wrestler, he's also a manager in Ohio and Pennsylvania independents ... Is fast realizing that he's better at ringside than he is in the ring ... Has no technical skills ... His career in this sport may end sooner than expected if he doesn't stick to managing.

**445 BRUCE BEAUDINE** (5'11", 200, 2, NL) "Beautiful One" is a former Slammers Wrestling Federation champion ... Claims to weigh in at "200 pristine pounds" ... Best "moves" are using steel chairs and trash cans to bash opponents, but he does have some scientific skills.



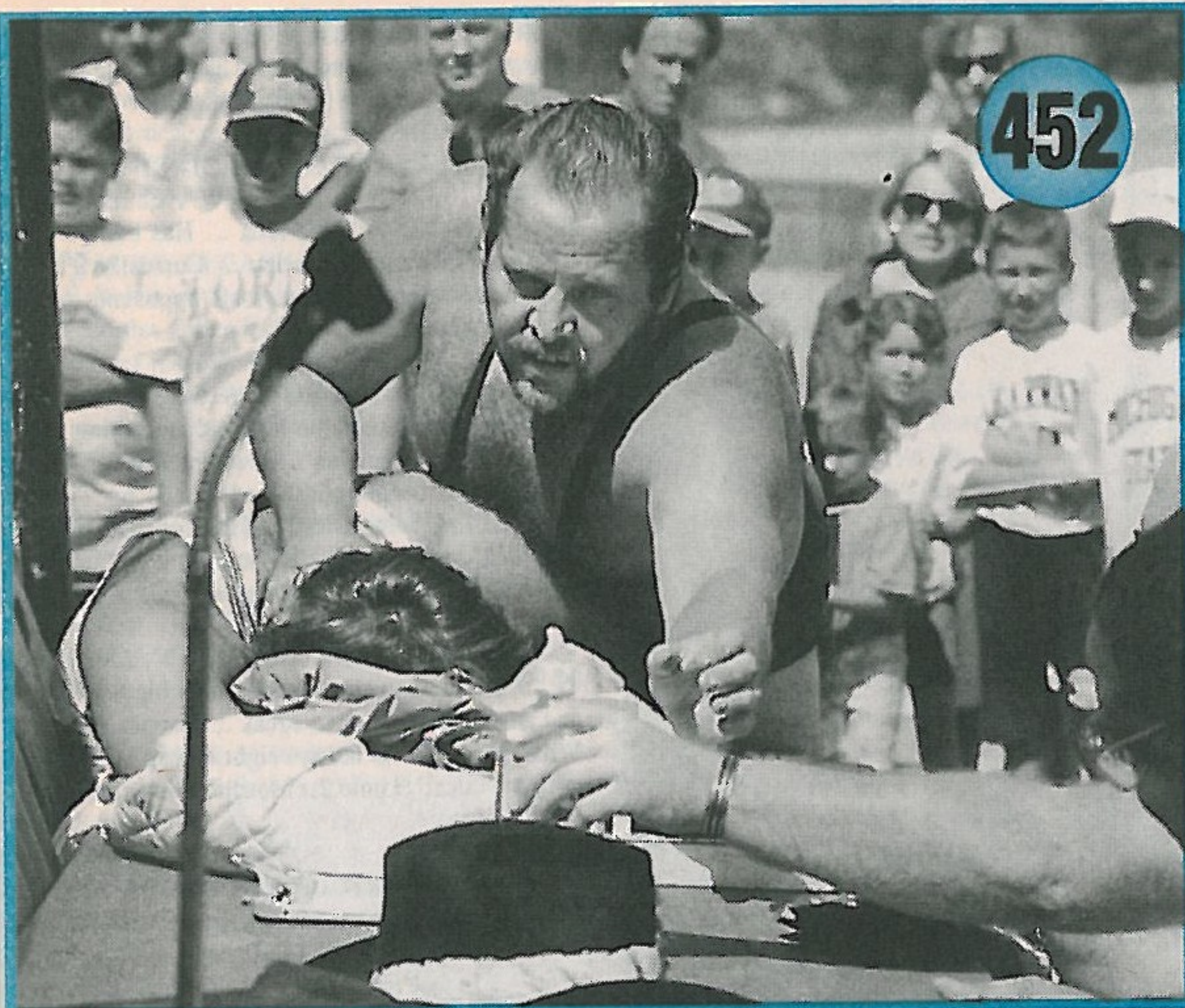
Prichard is a veteran of the Southern indies

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Mad Max is back, but for how long?





Woody reaches across for a cold one

**446 THOMAS RODMAN** (5'11", 180, NA, NL) "The Material Boy" was trained by Glen Osbourne ... Has wrestled in several Mid-Atlantic independents, including the NWA ... Has also wrestled as Sheik Abdul-Jihad ... No relation to Chicago Bulls superstar Dennis Rodman.

**447 ALEXANDER THE MAGNIFICENT** (6'1", 222, 2, NL) A young, brash wrestler who is making a name for himself in NCW ... Was actually using controversial Goldust-like tactics before Goldust existed ... Held NCW tag team title with The Ninja ... Is challenging Golem for the NCW Quebec championship.

**448 ROB MCBRIDE** (6', 310, 11, 463) Ended feud with Marc Ash to become his partner in a feud with the Armstrong family ... Now known as "Crybaby" ... Had a wild match with Cactus Jack in February ... Plans to invade the North Carolina wrestling scene soon.

**449 THE GENERAL** (5'8", 220, 6, 414) One-half of the Southern Wrestling Alliance tag team champions with Lucifer Kane ... Held the SWA heavyweight belt seven times ... Willy brawler uses the belly-to-belly suplex to finish off opponents ... Has embraced the fans and is hoping they forget his rulebreaking days.

**450 MAJOR HAVOC** (6', 295, 3, 488) Held the AIWF U.S. and heavyweight titles ... Also held the AIWF tag team belts with The Superstar ... His power bomb is the best in that federation ... Has wrestled in North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee independents.

**451 RICK JUSTICE** (6'1", 202, 6, NL) Has a very violent temper ... Holds one-half of the TWA tag team title with partner Chuck Colt ... Very popular competitor on the Southern independent circuit ... A real risk-taker with no regard for the well-being of his body ... Naturally powerful ... Great attitude, very determined.

**452 "COWBOY" WOODY LEE** (6'1", 260, 17, 436) Eldest of the wrestling Lee brothers ... Claims to be the first wrestler ever to have his hair cut in the ring by Brutus Beefcake ... Is one-half of The Outlaws with brother Bobby ... They currently hold the MCW tag team title.

**453 DAVE DAULTON** (6'3", 238, 6, NL) Veteran of the Canadian independent circuit ... Uses the name Dave Clark when competing as one-half of the hockey-playing tag team Gross Misconduct with Scott Hunter ... Possesses good aerial skills.

**454 CHRIS WINDHAM** (6'3", 184, 3, NL) Former AIWF lightweight champion ... His feud with Rick Deeziel and Brian Danzig has become one of the most violent in AIWF history ... No relation to Barry Windham ... A member of The Ghost Riders with Jackie Anderson; the two of them are bitterly feuding with The Tennessee Violence Authority.

**455 J.B. DESTINY** (5'10", 200, 7, NL) Has held both the Tri-State Wrestling and NIWA lightweight titles ... Wrestles mainly in the Mid-Atlantic independents ... Current Pro

Wrestling Express tag team champion with Dean Visk.

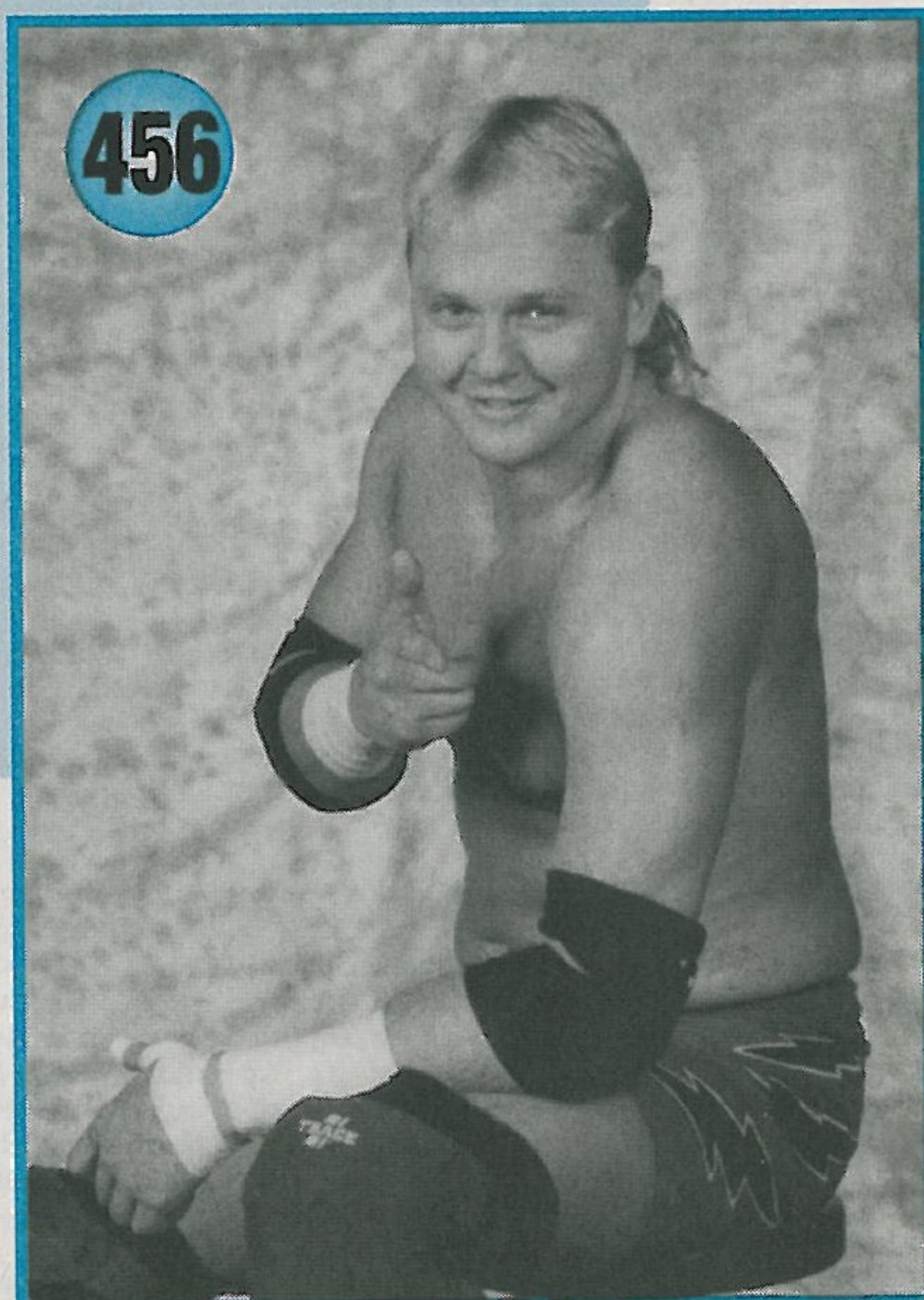
**456 FLASH FLANAGAN** (6'2", 225, 4, 335) Currently wrestling in the USWA and Circle City Wrestling ... Indianapolis, Indiana, native ... High-flyer by choice, but can also wrestle on the mat if need be ... Toughest opponent has been Sabu.

**457 BRIMSTONE SHOCKER** (5'11", 245, 8, NL) Currently the Hardcore Wrestling Alliance Southern champion ... Also HWA tag team champion with The Coroner ... Used to wear a mask ... Sometimes shocks his opponents (literally) with an electric cattle prod.

**458 SUPERKEY I** (5'7", 191, 4, NL) Claims to have wrestled in the first-ever "Singapore caning" match in North America—he teamed with Rock Stevens and Coach Kurt against The Gypsy Army ... Briefly held the MCW tag team title with SuperKey II ... Has challenged "Punisher" Rock Stevens for the MCW heavyweight title ... Recently renewed his feud with Killer Kanareck.

**459 FELIX HUTTON** (6'1", 190, 3, NL) Holds ASW tag team title with his partner and brother Alex ... Very quick ... Will execute his share of high-risk maneuvers ... Exciting light heavyweight who turned fan favorite a year ago.

**460 CANADIAN BAD BOY** (5'10", 336, 3, NL) Wrestles in Cleveland All-Pro Wrestling, GWA, and various independents in the Great Lakes region and Canada ... Constantly expanding his repertoire ... Signature move is the "Alberta Clipper" clothesline off the top rope.



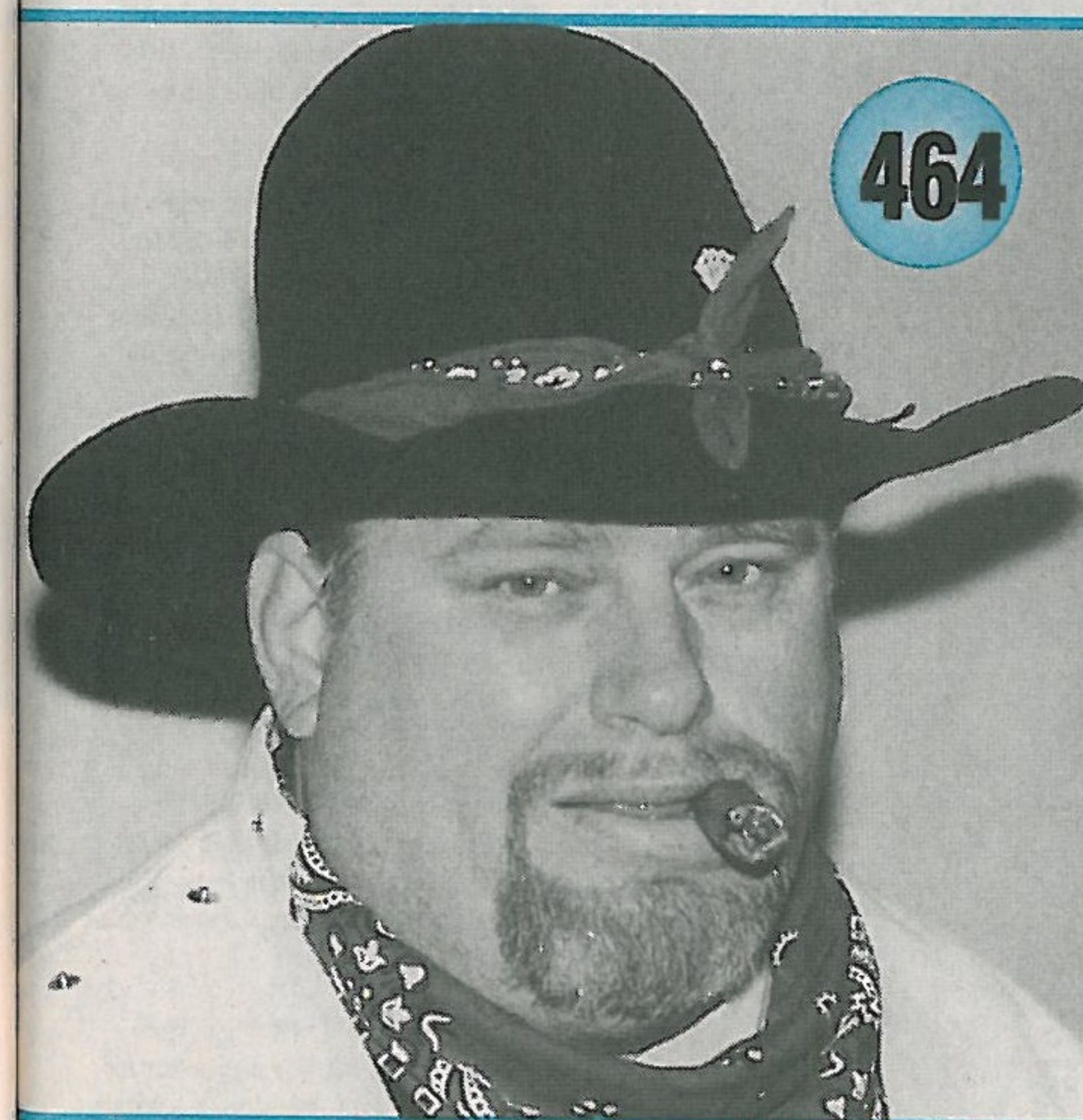
Flanagan is flying high in USWA

**461 EIGHT-BALL JONES** (6', 230, 2, NL) Top contender in several Southern independents ... Delivers a powerful dropkick ... A rulebreaker until a few months ago ... Trained by Tim Horner.

**462 RONNIE VEGAS** (6'2", 246, 10, 482) "Diceman," a former All-Pro Wrestling heavyweight champion, is now competing in a promotion called Bad Boys of Wrestling ... Feuding with J.R. Hogg and The Bounty Hunter over the BBW title ... Few other wrestlers are willing to trust him.

**463 SEBASTIAN KANE** (6'5", 316, 6, 498) Two-time former AIWF heavyweight champion ... He and fellow Tennessee Violence Authority member Don Carson have held the AIWF tag team belts twice ... Wrestles in the Carolinas, Virginia, and Tennessee ... Combination of an overhead press into a powerslam can be quite effective.

**464 DON BASS** (6', 295, 28, NL) Current CWF heavyweight champion ... Willy veteran once held the NWA tag team title with Ron Bass ... Once had a memorable feud with Jerry "The King" Lawler ... Despite age, he is still going strong.



Don Bass is still going strong

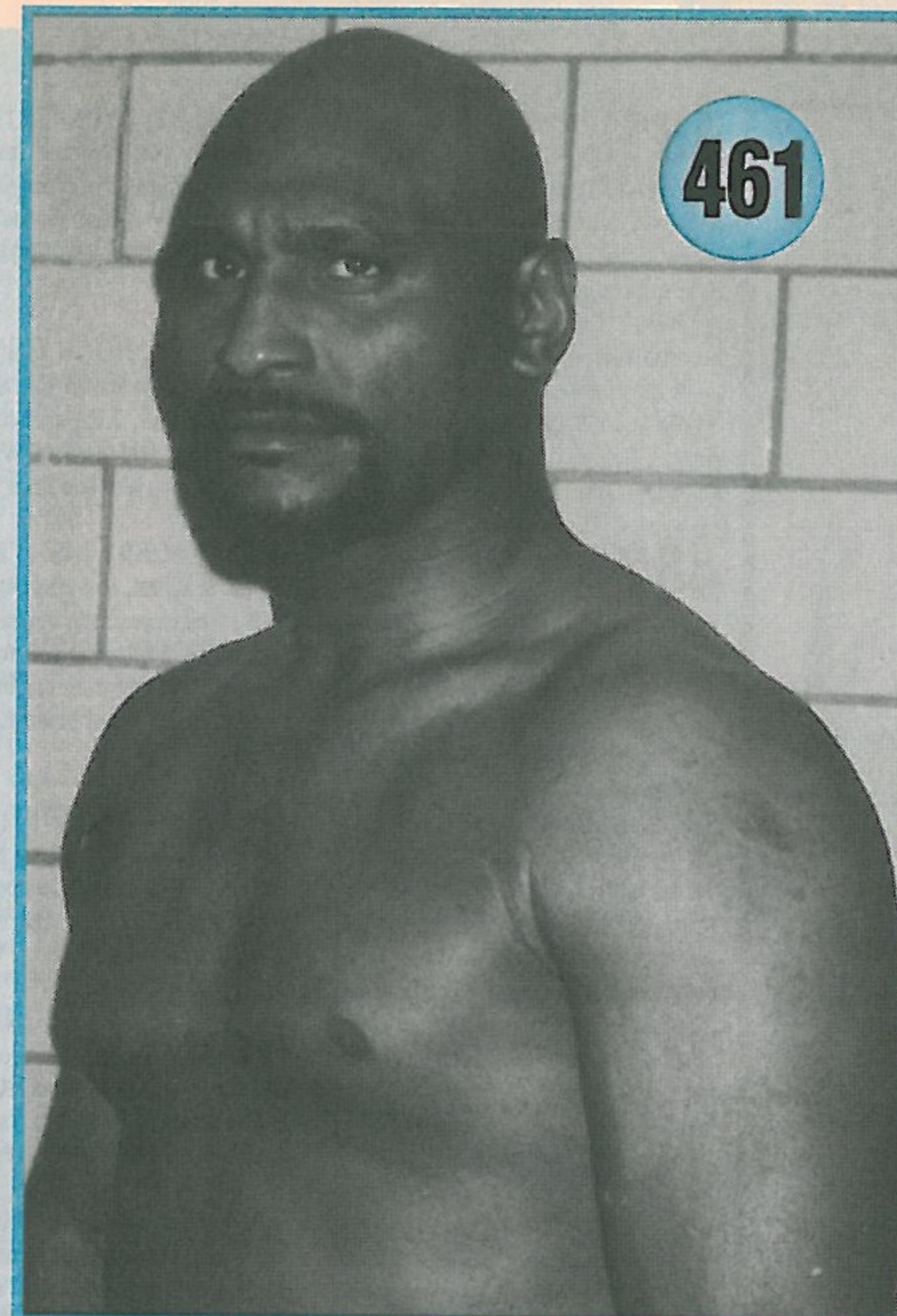
Eight-ball's had a change of heart

**465 DYNAMITE D** (5'11", 181, 4, NL) Native of Tujunga, California ... Claims his signature move is blowing mucus from his nose at the fans ... Two-time former Slammers heavyweight champion knows the SWF rules inside and out, because he is also a licensed referee.

**466 JACK SPADE** (5'11", 212, 2, NL) Currently one-half of the IWA tag team champions with Dale Porter ... Former IWA heavyweight champion ... Cold and calculating, he shows no emotion while wrestling ... Has wrestled in Mexico and Canada.

**467 STEVEN DEBBES** (5'10", 219, 8, 487) This high-flyer has competed worldwide in several different promotions ... Once won a junior heavyweight title in South Africa ... Makes up for lack of strength with good quickness and agility.

**468 CRUSHER KLINE** (6'2", 320, 1, NL) Former Canadian super heavyweight champion in amateur freestyle wrestling ... Fought former sumo grand champion Koji Kitao in a shootfight in Japan ... Held CCW tag team title with D-Lo Brown; they used the name The Juggernauts.



**469 BUGSY SLUGGLIANO** (6', 282, 5, 471) Trained with the Hart brothers in Calgary ... "Man Of Steel" has put together a respectable career in Canada ... Three-time RCW tag team titleholder ... A tag team specialist who only occasionally wrestles singles.

**470 ROBERT ROMA** (5'11", 200, 3, 497) Three-time former AIWF U.S. champion ... Has wrestled in North Carolina and Virginia independents ... Has a vast repertoire of moves ... Grew up in Long Island, New York.

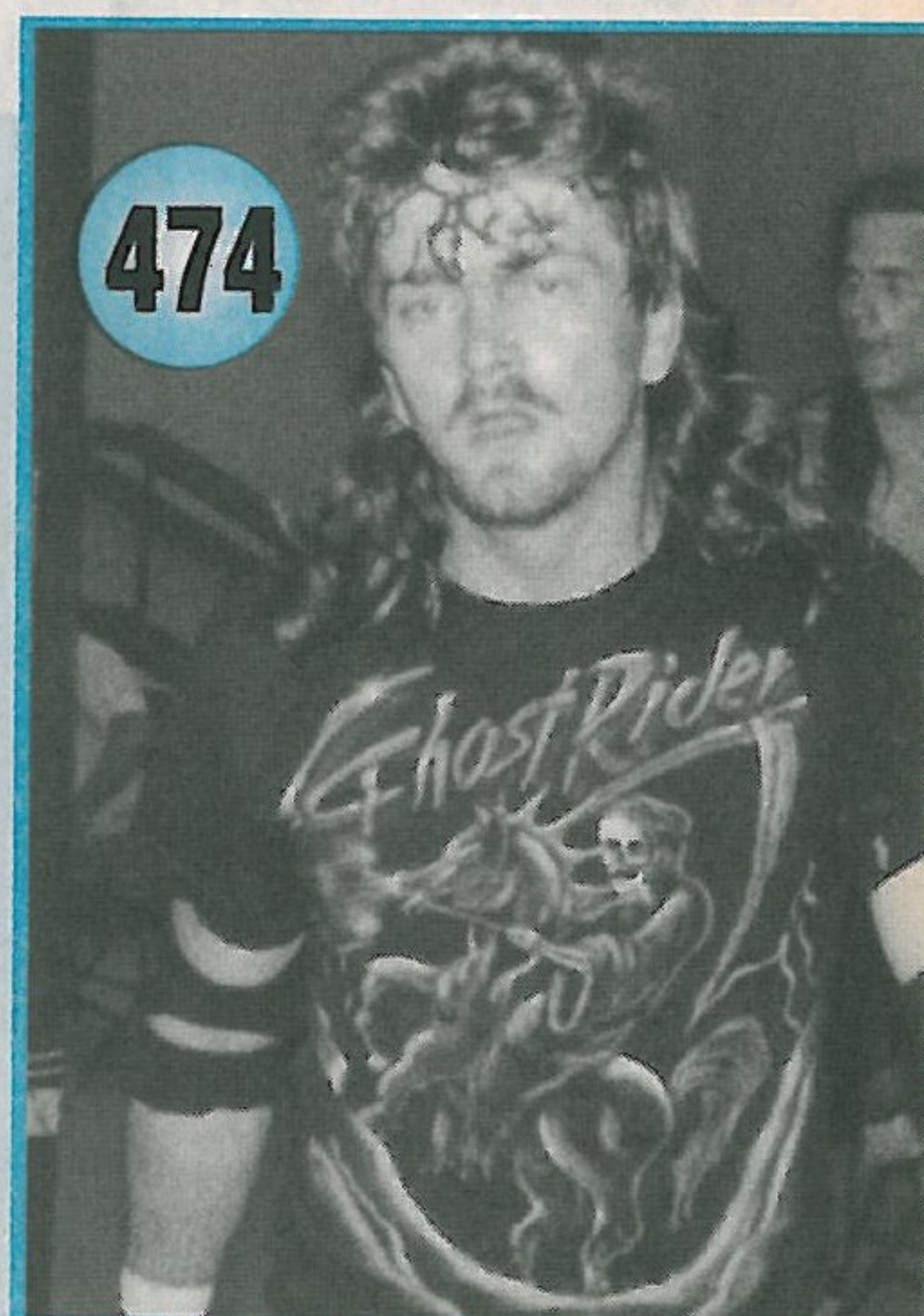
**471 HOLLYWOOD** (6'4", 275, 5, NL) He and partner "O-Dog" are known as Havoc Inc. ... Currently wrestling mostly in MEWF and other Mid-Atlantic independents ... Loves to use the dragon suplex as a finisher ... He and O-Dog made their ECW debuts this year and hope to wrestle The Gangstas someday.

**472 SGT. GREG LAKE** (5'8", 228, 22, NL) This 22-year veteran has drilled more men in wrestling than Dr. Isaac Yankem, but he uses his fists, not dental equipment ... Has wrestled Bobo Brazil and Dick the Bruiser.

**473 PRINCE OF POLYESTER** (6'3", 250, 2, NL) Held the ASWA tag team belts with Max Profit ... Managed by Ed Deadly ... Trying to perfect his "Discount Rack" submission hold ... Seems genuinely proud of his hideous 1970s wardrobe.

**474 JACKIE ANDERSON** (5'8", 192, 14, NL) Former AIWF and APW tag team titleholder ... Also a former AIWF lightweight champion ... Has lost two partners to injury in his feud with The Tennessee Violence Authority, but keeps coming back for more ... His current feud with Rick Deeziel and Brian Danzig has spanned two federations ... Now teaming with Chris Windham.

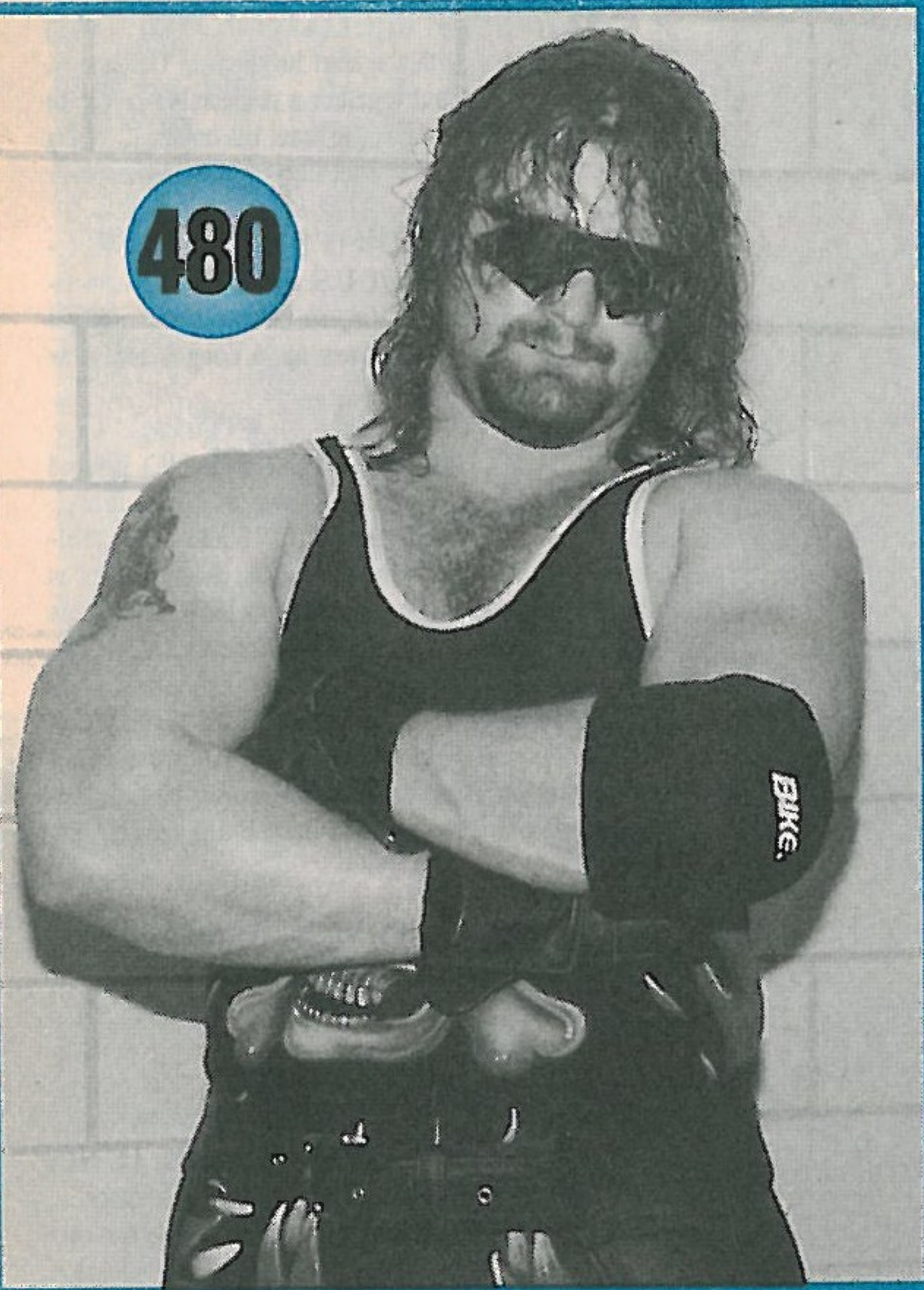
**475 KENNY JAY** (5'10", 235, 34, NL) "Sodbuster" is enjoying a career resurgence in NPW after spending most of his career on the losing side ... Currently involved in a feud with nephew J.B. Trask ... One of the top contenders to the NPW heavyweight title.



Anderson has a problem with Authority



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Ganz is a top MCW rookie

**476 CRUEL CONNECTION II** (6'2", 240, 11, NL) The Original Cruel Connection II from the old NWA ... Traded PWF junior heavyweight title with Flaming Youth several times ... Turned his back on PWF fans for a while, but is now back in their good graces ... Very active in youth groups in North Carolina.

**477 KEVIN KIRBY** (5'11", 290, 7, 500) A fan favorite again after a stint as a rulebreaker ... Competed in the CCW, NAWA, and SCW ... Trained by former NWA wrestler Mike Somaini ... Has improved both his technical and his brawling skills in the last year.

**478 MICHAEL COLLINS** (5'10", 175, 6, NL) Very popular and versatile competitor ... Excels in both tag team and singles competition ... Has had a long feud with Risk Taylor in Florida, where he has held several junior heavyweight titles.

**479 JOEL TRAVIS** (5'11", 172, 4, NL) Cocky TWA competitor ... Likes to finish opponents off with his super-kick ... Has held several singles and tag team titles ... Guided by manager Mad Jack.

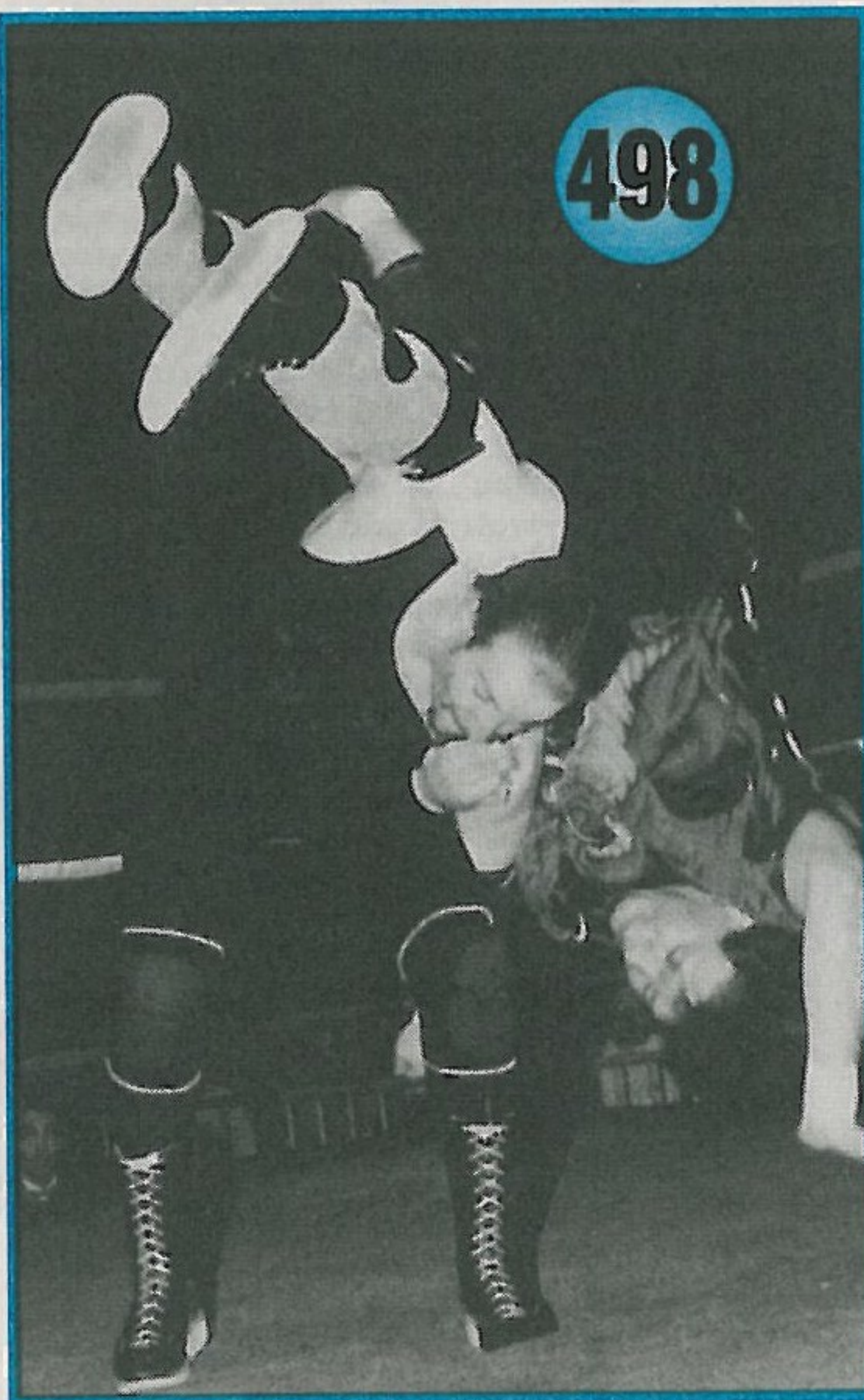
**480 SKULL GANZ** (6'2", 250, 2, NL) Protege of MCW champion Rock Stevens... Leading candidate for MCW Rookie of the Year in '96 ... Teamed with Tommy Starr to win the CWF tag team title from The Outlaws ... Has a bright future ahead of him.

**481 JUMPIN' JIMMY** (5'7", 184, 6, NL) Two-time former AIWF lightweight champion ... Has wrestled in North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee ... This high-flyer's speed makes him tough to beat at times ... Currently in the middle of his second reign as AIWF U.S. champ ... A member of "The Family" in the AIWF with Rick Deeziel and Brian Danzig ... One of the AIWF's most hated wrestlers.

**482 M. QUACKENBUSH** (6', 202, 5, 418) This high-flyer's skills are nothing to squawk at ... Pennsylvania native is currently wrestling in several Mid-Atlantic independents, including the WWA ... His spinning "Quackensmash" is a good finisher.

**483 CHUCK COLT** (6', 175, 2, NL) One-half of the new Midnight Riders with partner Rick Justice ... Has held both the TWA junior heavyweight and tag titles ... Competes in many Southern independents ... Not afraid of any opponent, even if he's twice his size.

**484 MAX PROFIT** (5'9", 215, 4, NL) Feuding with former manager Ed Deadly's stable in All-Star Wrestling Alliance ... Has an impressive "Max-plex" backflip in his repertoire ... Used to be a great shot putter.



Wonder what Allen's thinking now

**485 E.Z. RYDER** (5'11", 232, 6, NL) Has improved a lot over the last year ... Current Action Wrestling Alliance heavyweight champion ... Competes regularly in RCW ... Has feuded with Brian Jewel, "Bulldog" Bob Brown, and Steve Stryker ... Finishing hold is the Boston crab.

**486 J.D. HOGG** (6'1", 238, 5, NL) Member of a clique called The Scufflin' Hillbillies ... Teams with his father, J.R., and cousin J.P. ... Defeated Rex Diamond for Bad Boys of Wrestling lightweight title, but ended up losing it to Top Rope Troy.

**487 BOBBY LEE** (6'2", 250, 9, NL) The youngest, tallest, and meanest Lee brother ... Has wrestled in Quebec independents and on the old World Class circuit ... Now almost fully recovered from reconstructive knee surgery ... Since returning from that injury, he has won the Midwest Territorial, CWF, and Motor City tag team titles with brother Woody.

**488 SHANE WILD** (5'10", 218, 4, NL) Up-and-comer is working hard to make a name for himself in the Mid-Atlantic independents ... Enjoys showing off his martial arts skills ... Has been challenging Marc Ash for the ICW heavyweight title ... Very popular with female fans.

**489 TERRY RICHARDS** (6'1", 292, 1, NL) Youngster steamrolls over opponents with overpowering strength ... Won BCW Rookie of the Year award last year in a landslide ... Sometimes a fan favorite, sometimes a rulebreaker, but always dangerous.

**490 JOHNNY REB** (6', 270, 2, NL) Former AIWF heavyweight champion and tag team champion ... Has wrestled in North Carolina and Virginia ... Once again has the support of the fans ... Rumor has it that he's thinking about rejoining Dynamite Doug and reforming their tag team, Dixie Dynamite ... Currently feuding with Major Breakinridge, but has yet to use his belly-to-belly suplex on him.

**491 YOGI DONOVAN** (6'4", 264, 1, NL) One-half of Generation X with Spice Richards ... They have proven to be a formidable duo ... Favorite finishing move is the powerslam ... Has beaten Chad Ripley, his arch-rival, several times, but has not yet held any title ... Expect big things from this massive newcomer.

**492 J.R. HOGG** (6', 386, 30, NL) The original Scufflin' Hillbilly ... Has wrestled in Mississippi, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Florida ... "Wild" Hogg and fellow Hillbillies J.R. and J.D. Hogg are currently feuding with "Diceman" Ronnie Vegas and The Bounty Hunter.

**493 O-DOG** (5'10", 160, 5, NL) The other half of Havoc Inc. ... He and partner Hollywood are currently top contenders to the MEWF tag team title ... Also competes in several other Mid-Atlantic independents ... Claims that Havoc Inc. is tougher than The Gangstas, but would have a tough time proving it.

**494 JAMMER** (6'1", 180, 5, NL) Four-time former Southern States tag team champ and former AIWF lightweight champion ... Has wrestled in North Carolina and Virginia ... Philosophy is to keep his sights set on winning titles and not to get bogged down in feuds ... Is rarely willing to trust any tag team partner ... Finisher is "tilt-a-whirl" piledriver.

**495 SUPERSLAYER** (6', 242, 18, NL) After a long layoff, the veteran masked man returned to wrestling ... Resumed a feud in the Midwest with "Big" Tom Jesus and has had the upper hand in many of their matches ... Brawling has always been his forte.

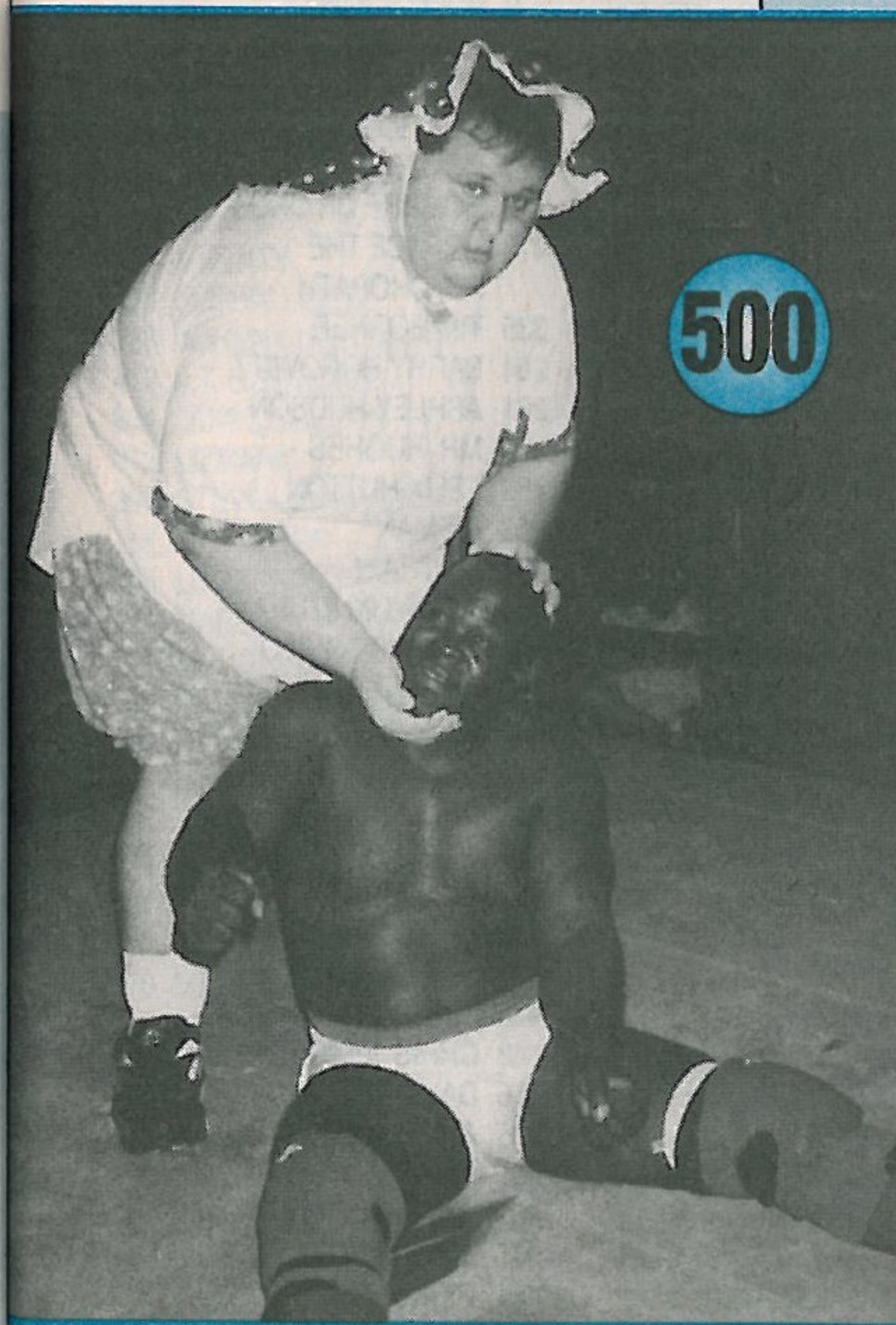
**496 GUY INCOGNITO** (5'9", 175, 1, NL) This mysterious masked man has yet to crack the River City Wrestling top 10 ... Almost won the RCW tag team title with Wildman Firpo, though ... Eliminated by Vance Nevada during a RCW junior heavyweight title tournament ... Not very powerful, but he is quick and aggressive.

**497 DEATH DEALER** (6'1", 237, 3, NL) A mysterious high-flyer... Kendo stick-wielding masked man has a following, despite his rulebreaking ... Currently the MTW Great Lakes champion ... Doesn't mind absorbing a lot of punishment.

**498 DONN E. ALLEN** (5'10", 185, 8, 499) Still moving up the "500" ladder slowly ... Hasn't wrestled enough to move up too high ... That's because he has been busy producing his own CD, *Thinking Aloud* (yes, he really can sing!) ... Will his record have more success than Jeff Jarrett's? If you hear it once on the radio, it will.

**499 JAKE STEELE** (6', 236, 4, NL) Calls himself "The Real Deal" ... Beat Scott D'Amore for BCW Can-Am heavyweight title, then promptly lost it back 24 hours later ... Has potential, but has been too inconsistent so far.

**500 BABY HUEY** (6'2", 500, 1, NL) Wears diaper to ring ... Former PWF Eastern States and tag team champion with Italian Stallion ... Kids love the easy-going Huey ... Nobody has gotten up from his big splash ... Some in the PWF think he and Madd Maxxine would make a perfect couple.



The only guy who weighs his ranking

# FAREWELL TO THE 500

Brian Armstrong (NC)  
Johnny B. Badd (NC)  
Brutus Beefcake (NC)  
Matt Beltster (NR)  
Eli Blu (NC)  
Jacob Blu (NC)  
Boo Bradley (NC)  
Crazy Brooks (NR)  
Killer Brooks (NR)  
Brother Midnite (NR)  
Chris Carter (NR)  
Sean Casey (NR)  
Chainz (NR)  
Chance (NR)  
Chi Chi Cruz (NR)  
Chicken Neck (NR)  
Chuck the Kosher Killer (NR)  
Cousin Bubba (NR)  
Crash the Terminator (NC)  
King Kong Crusty (NR)  
Cuban Assassin (NR)  
Ron Cumberledge (NR)  
Deputy Dog (NR)  
Diesel (NC)  
Steven Dunn (NC)  
Leif Ericson (NR)  
Fantasio (NC)  
Freight Train Freddy (NR)  
Jimmy Garvin (R)  
The Gladiator (NR)  
Tony Golden (NR)  
Johnny B. Goode (NR)  
Al Hardimon (NR)  
Justin Hawk (NC)  
Billy Jack Haynes (NR)  
Honky Tonk Man (NR)  
Mohammed Hussein (NR)  
The Intern (NC)  
Iron Fist (NC)  
Cactus Jack (NC)  
Jason the 13th (NR)  
Rocky Jones (NR)  
S.D. Jones (NR)  
Mike Justice (NR)  
Lucifer Kane (NR)  
Knight Rider (NR)  
Tyrone Knox (NR)  
Vladimir Kolloff (NR)  
KuKu the Samoan (NR)  
Jimmy Lamb (NR)  
Buddy Landell (DL)  
Frankie Lee (NR)  
Johnny Lee (NC)  
Hurricane Lewis (NR)  
Liberty (NR)  
Man Mountain Rock (NC)  
Mantaur (NC)  
Dutch Mantel (NC)  
Bugsy McGraw (NR)  
Waylon Mercy (R)

The list of active wrestlers is always changing. Since last year's "PWI 500" came out, some wrestlers have migrated to different federations or changed their names. Others are now injured, inactive, retired, or deceased. Some have moved on to managing. Still others have been dropped from this year's survey for other reasons. [Note: The proliferation of Doinks has forced us to disqualify all but the original version.]

Keys are as follows: (D) deceased; (DL) disabled list; (I) inactive; (NR) not rated; (R) retired.

Bret Michaels (NR)  
Brian Michaels (NR)  
Midnight Rocker (R)  
Moadib (NC)  
Mongolian Mauler (NR)  
Dick Murdoch (D)  
Rich Myers (NR)  
Nailz (NR)  
The Nomad (NR)  
Paul Omdorff (DL)  
Bull Pain (NR)  
Iceman Parsons (NR)  
Brian Pillman (DL)  
Jim Pope (NR)  
T.J. Powers (NR)  
Tom Prichard (NC)  
Kevin Quinn (NR)  
Razor Ramon (NC)  
Butch Reed (NR)  
Dustin Rhodes (NC)  
Ray Roberts (NR)  
Lightning Rodz (NR)  
Bobby Rogers (NR)  
Brian Rollins (NC)  
Tony Roy (NR)  
Gary Royal (NR)  
Roger Sartin (NR)  
Joe Savoldi (NR)  
Irwin R. Schyster (NC)  
The Shadow (NR)  
Shark (NC)  
Spooky Kool Kid Kleene (NR)  
Star Ryder (NR)  
Michele Starr (NR)  
Jungle Jim Steele (NR)  
Tony Stetson (NR)  
Dave Sullivan (NR)  
Chaz Taylor (NR)  
Lawrence Taylor (R)  
Max Thrasher (NR)  
Tower of Doom (NR)  
Unibomb (NC)  
Luna Vachon (NR)  
Kevin Von Erich (NR)  
Baron Von Raschke (NR)  
War Dog (NR)  
Warlord (NR)  
Timothy Well (NC)  
Pez Whatley (NR)  
Tom Zenk (R)